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Representatives of the Mozambique and South African governments met for talks on January 16th in four working groups to discuss security and economic relations between the two countries. In South Africa there was "quiet optimism" that they could lead to a reduction of tensions.

Speaking at the opening session, the Frelimo Politburo member, and Presidential Economic Adviser, Mr. Jacinto Veloso, made clear the links between the economic talks in Maputo and the security talks in Pretoria. He told the South Africans, "we interpret your presence here as proof of the intention of the South African Government to carry out actions to end the violence and the escalating war".

The most important of the four groups was that which met in Pretoria to discuss security matters. When the two delegations met in Pretoria, photographs were permitted but no questions were allowed.

The other three groups, dealing with tourism the Cabora Bassa hydro-electric scheme, and economic matters met in the Mozambique capital Maputo.