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**Maputo 'may denounce
treaty with S. Africa'**

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MR JOAQUIM CHISSANO, Mozambique's Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday accused South Africa of breaching the terms of the 16-month-old non-aggression pact between the two countries and said his Government "may be obliged to denounce" the treaty.

Mr Chissano's warning given in an interview in London, where he has been holding talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary, follows a steady deterioration in Mozambique's security situation.

If the treaty were abrogated, it would represent a major blow to what at the time was widely seen as a successful foreign policy initiative by South Africa. It established a *modus vivendi* other black states in the region might be forced to follow.