

Maputo: A Firmer Attitude?

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According to reports from several European embassies in Maputo, Mozambique is taking an increasingly firm attitude towards South Africa. As one of these reports from a Scandinavian diplomat notes: "Nobody any longer believes the repeated assurances given by some South African officials, including Pik Botha, according to which Pretoria is helpless to block the activities of the MNR in Mozambique. No one today has any confidence in the continuing South African promises . . ." Mozambique's President Samora Machel recently conferred with Tanzania's President Julius Nyerere, one of the strongest critics of the Nkomati agreement of March 16, 1984. Observers are asking if Machel's visit to Nyerere was for the purpose of discussing a new approach by Maputo towards South Africa and if Maputo may be considering fundamental changes in its foreign policy.
