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Government, Pretoria Discuss Border Issues

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[Text] Delegations from Mozambique and South Africa are today holding a one-day meeting in Maputo to discuss matters related to the border between the two countries. The Mozambican delegation at the meeting is led by Eduardo Coloma, director of the Department of Legal and Consular Matters in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the South African side is headed by (Daniel Greenwith) of the general department of surveying.

Speaking shortly after the opening of the meeting, Mr. Coloma said that the meeting is taking place not because there are currently any border conflicts between the two countries. Mr. Coloma pointed out that the fact that Mozambique and South Africa are neighbors obliges them every now and then to sit down together and discuss problems of common interest. We should not wait until conflicts arise before dealing with frontier matters, Mr. Coloma added.

The agenda for the meeting includes the delimitation of the maritime frontier, confirmation of the land border, and the question of the electrified fence on the South African side of the common border.