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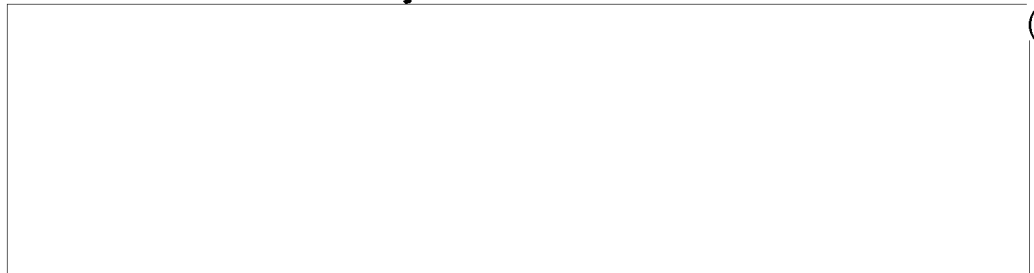
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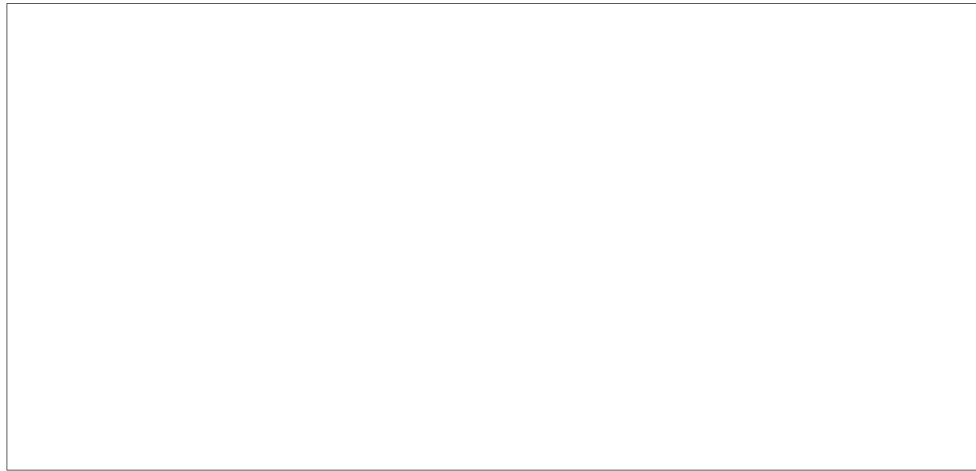
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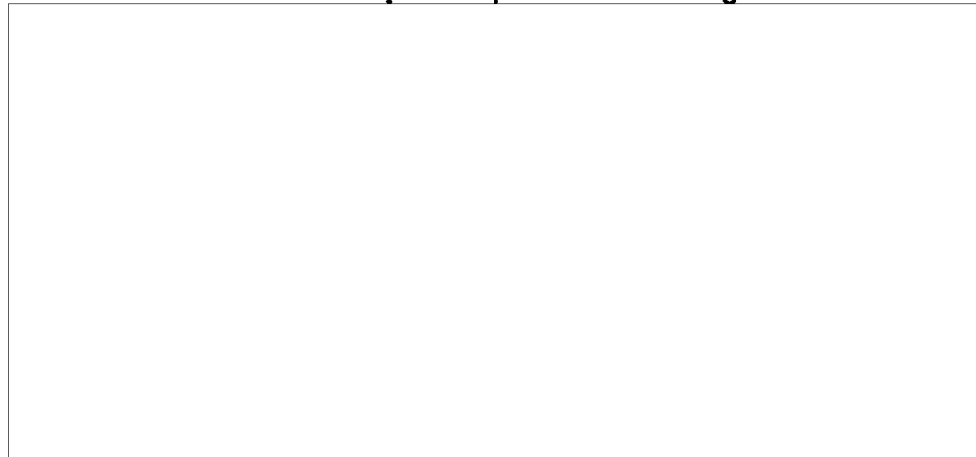
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**SOUTH AFRICA-MOZAMBIQUE: Cooperation Increasing**

South African President Botha and a senior Mozambican official met last week and agreed to reconvene a joint security commission; the meeting is indicative of a general improvement in bilateral cooperation. The two countries are discussing reopening the Cahora Bassa hydroelectric complex in northern Mozambique built to supply power largely to South Africa. Pretoria has agreed to equip and train 1,500 Mozambican troops to guard the transmission lines from attacks by RENAMO insurgents. Pretoria has also agreed to reschedule Mozambique's small bilateral debt, while Mozambican President Chissano recently held talks with a prominent South African businessman on investment opportunities in Mozambique. [Redacted]

[Redacted] the Frontline States agreed last month not to condemn Chissano if he meets with Botha [Redacted]

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**Comment:** Pragmatism on both sides appears to be behind the moves toward greater cooperation, but longstanding mutual mistrust over security issues will slow further improvements. Maputo views the successful reopening of the Cahora Bassa complex as a key signal of South African good faith in restraining RENAMO but probably overestimates Pretoria's ability to control the insurgents. Chissano probably sees a summit as his lone bargaining chip and is not likely to agree to a meeting until he believes that Maputo's concerns about South African support to RENAMO have been addressed [Redacted]

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