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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. President,

I valued our discussions at Chequers on 2 June, and was grateful for your letter about this. I firmly believe that we must maintain the dialogue between our two Governments.

I told you at Chequers of my strong support for the Nkomati Accord and was heartened by your determination to make the Accord a success. You may like to know that we intend very soon to announce a significant increase in our level of economic assistance to Mozambique. We are active in trying to stimulate interest among other Western donor countries on both the multilateral and bilateral fronts and are adopting a sympathetic attitude towards IMF/IBRD membership and Paris Club rescheduling. A speedy improvement in the security situation in Mozambique is, of course, essential for success in the economic field. I very much hope that South Africa can assist in this. President Machel is clearly under pressure from his hard-liners and needs to demonstrate soon that he is on top of the security situation.

At Chequers we also discussed, among other subjects, the question of the Kwangema community. Since we spoke I have received a copy of a letter sent to you by the Kwangema people, dated 3 July. I found it both eloquent and disturbing and I remain concerned at the plight of these people. I am sure that South Africa's reputation both here and elsewhere in the West will only be tarnished if people

are moved against their clearly expressed will. I would be sorry to see that happen and hope that you will stay the implementation of your apparent intention to do so.

I have been following with interest the constitutional changes which have now been inaugurated in South Africa and wish you well in your new responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Honourable P W Botha DMS