



Prime Minister
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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Dear Charles,

Call by President Machel: 27 September

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The Front Line States' decision to take the opportunity presented by President Machel's visit to seek to put pressure on us is not surprising. The Prime Minister will, however, wish to be aware that the Mozambicans have usually taken a very prudent line on sanctions. They have said they would have no objection to other countries deciding to impose them and have at times appeared to suggest that they would welcome wholehearted Western support for sanctions. However, they have indicated that they would expect the Front Line States whose economies would be damaged to be compensated. In general, and during the visit to Washington, President Machel has spoken of the need to increase "pressure" on South Africa, without specifically calling for mandatory sanctions.

What the Mozambicans do not like, [redacted] as their Foreign Minister explained forcefully to Sir Geoffrey Howe on 25 July, is for Western countries like the UK to argue against sanctions on the grounds that they will hurt Mozambique.

Yours ever,

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