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BNC set to remain in Swazi

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MBABANE. â\200\224 The Afri-
can National Congress
appears set to remain in
Swaziland, in spite of the
recent clampdown on its
members here and re-
ports of South African
pressure on the Swaziland

Government. ;

The Deputy Prime

Minister . of Swaziland,

Senator Ben Nsibandze,
has said his country con-
siders itself bound by its
membership of the Orga-
nisation of African Unity
and the United Nations to
continue giving humani-
tarian aid to ANC and
other refugees.

â\200\234There has been no
change in our policy,â\200\235 he
said in an interview.

He said he knew noth-
ing of reports that the

ANCâ\200\231s acting chief repre-
sentative in Swaziland,
Mr Stan Mabizela, was
about to be expelled by
the Government or with-
drawn by the ANC.

And he denied any
knowledge of alleged
South African Govern-
ment pressure on Swazi-
land to clamp down on
the ANC.

Senator Nsibandze,

whose Ministry is re-

sponsible for refugee
affairs in Swaziland, was
speaking against the back-
ground of a number of
incidents involving ANC
members with arms, that
were said to have
strained - relations be-
tween his Government
and the ANC last year.
But relations between

the two were said to have improved in recent weeks following, meetings in

land

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Lusaka between the Prime Minister of Swaziland, Prince Mabandla

Dlamini, and ANC leaders. ;
The Deputy Prime'

Minister made it clear, however, that his Government would not allow its territory to be used as a springboard for guerrilla attacks+ against Zouth Africa.