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Mr Mr N J J van R Koornhof (COPE) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

When does she envisage signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Mozambique on rhino poaching?

106. THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- a) DEA submitted the draft MOU to Mozambique for comment and translation into Portuguese language. A draft copy of Memorandum of Understanding on Biodiversity, Conservation and Protection was received from Mozambican Authority in January 2014, for consideration. Based on Mozambique's inputs, the draft MoU was submitted to the Department of Justice, and State Law advisors in DIRCO and a legal opinion has since been forwarded back to Mozambique for final consideration. As soon as Mozambique finalizes its internal consultation process, efforts shall be made to sign the MoU immediately.