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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BOTSWANA CONDEMNS THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN SOMALIA**

**Gaborone, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017:** The Government of the Republic of Botswana remains deeply concerned about the increasing rate of terrorist activities in certain parts of the world, which continues to pose threat to international peace and security.

In this connection, the Government of Botswana wishes to join the international community in condemning, in the strongest terms, the recent terrorist attacks in Mogadishu, Somalia, which claimed a significant number of innocent lives and caused many injuries, as well as extensive damage to property.

Botswana views all terrorist acts as unjustified and criminal, regardless of their motivation. These barbaric terrorist attacks should not derail the noble efforts of the international community to assist the people of Somalia in their search for a peaceful solution to the conflict in that country.

It is therefore critical that we continue to join our forces in order to combat this major global threat. Botswana stands in solidarity with the people of Somalia as they deal with this calamity, and appeals to the international community to provide Somalia with much needed humanitarian assistance.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Somalia, particularly the bereaved families, as they recover from this devastating catastrophe.

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