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BOTSWANA COMMENDS PEACE DEAL BETWEEN HAMAS AND FATAH

Gaborone, 13 October 2017: The Government of the Republic of Botswana welcomes the recent signing of an Agreement between the Palestinian National Liberation Movement (FATAH) and the Islamic Resistance Movement (HAMAS).

We are hopeful that the signing of this peace deal will go a long way in diffusing the protracted tension between the two rival groups, which share a similar vision, but differ on the approach towards the attainment of their ultimate goals.

It is also our considered view that the peace deal will allow FATAH and HAMAS to speak with one voice in the negotiations for a peaceful settlement between Palestine and Israel, which hopefully will be achieved sooner rather than later.

In line with our recent Press Release on unilateral declaration of independence, this is an example of what we in Botswana treasure – the coming together of people.

In this regard, Botswana remains confident that the Palestinians and the Israelis will eventually come together and live side by side as two sovereign nation states.

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