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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PRESIDENT MASISI TRAVELS TO MOZAMBIQUE**

**Gaborone, 29 October 2018:** The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Excellency, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana, will travel to Mozambique on a State Visit from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 at the invitation of his counterpart, His Excellency Mr. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique.

The purpose of the visit is to further strengthen the excellent relations that exist between Botswana and Mozambique. In this regard, the two Presidents will deliberate on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest, with the view to broaden the scope of cooperation. The two countries currently cooperate in many areas including agriculture, health, energy, defence, culture, transport, environment, and wildlife and tourism. The two Heads of State will also review progress on projects with a regional dimension such as the Limpopo River Basin Commission (LIMCOM), the Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM), and the Ponta Techobanine Railway Project.

The State Visit will be preceded by the Sixth Session of the Joint Permanent Commission of Cooperation (JPCC) between the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of Mozambique at the Ministerial level from 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

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His Excellency the President will be accompanied by Honourable Dr. Unity Dow, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation; Honourable Mr. Shaw Kgathi, Minister of Defence, Justice and Security; Honourable Mr. Kitso Mokaila, Minister of Transport and Communication; Honourable Mr. Eric Molale, Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security; Honourable Mr. Patrick Ralotsia, Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security; Honourable Mr. Wynter Mmolotsi, Member of Parliament for Francistown South; Kgosi Moeti Moeti, Tswana Tribal Authority; as well as Senior Government Officials.

His Excellency the President and his entourage will return to Botswana on **2nd November 2018**.

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