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HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT APPOINTS NEW ENVOYS

GABORONE, 25th June 2020: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to announce that His Excellency the President Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi has made the following diplomatic appointments:

Mr. Onkokame Kitso Mokaila has been appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the United States of America.

Mr. Mokaila has served as a Member of Parliament from 2004 to 2019. During his political and parliamentary career, he served as Minister under the following Ministries, Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism, Minister of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources and Minister of Transport and Communications.

Prior to joining politics, Mr. Mokaila served in the Botswana Defence Force from 1980-1988, after which he joined International Computers Limited where he served as Managing Director, Hyundai Motor Distributors as General Manager and Unisys Botswana as Managing Director.

Mr. Mokaila replaces Ambassador David Newman who has completed his tour of duty in United States of America in May 2020.

Mr. Gilbert Shimane Mangole has been appointed High Commissioner of the Republic of Botswana to the Republic of India.

Mr. Mangole has served as a Member of Parliament from 2009 to 2019. Before being elected as a Member of Parliament, he served as a Councillor from 1999 to 2009. His employment career began at Bank of Botswana where he grew within the ranks serving first as Statistical Assistant, Assistant Research Officer and Assistant Board Secretary.

Mr. Mangole replaces Ambassador Lesego Ethel Motsumi who completed her tour of duty in December 2019.

The appointments are effective upon assumption of duty.

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