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NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR TEST

Gaborone, 9 September 2016: The Government of the Republic of Botswana is once again deeply concerned with the latest nuclear test by North Korea. We join the international community in condemning, in the strongest terms, these senseless and aggressive threats that continue to undermine peace and security in the region.

We find it regrettable that persistent nuclear tests by North Korea have managed to escalate tensions and pose a threat, not only in the Korean Peninsula, but throughout the Pacific Region and the world at large.

We implore the United Nations Security Council to take decisive and prompt action to reel in North Korea and compel it to adhere to the values and principles of being a member of the United Nations. Failure by North Korea to respect and adhere to these fundamental and universal values should result in their expulsion from this international body.

It is our considered view that the only solution would be for other United Nations Member States to consider severing Diplomatic Relations with this rogue State, as Botswana did in 2014, due to its worsening human rights violations and its continuing to undermine peace and security in the region.

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