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VISIT TO BOTSWANA BY THE SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE OF SINGAPORE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS 5-6 SEPTEMBER 2016

Gaborone, 5 September 2016: The Senior Minister of State of the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, Dr. Mohamed Maliki Bin Osman, is visiting Botswana from 5 to 6 September 2016. The purpose of the visit is to hold discussions with the Government of Botswana to strengthen the friendly relations that subsist between the two countries, as well as convey a message of congratulations to the Government and People of Botswana on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Botswana's Independence.

Botswana and Singapore established diplomatic relations in 1993, and enjoy excellent relations, underpinned by shared democratic values and a common vision for advancing the socio-economic development agenda for the mutual benefit of the people of Botswana and Singapore. The Government of Singapore continues to offer development assistance in the areas of human resource development, public sector reforms, defence and law enforcement, to name, but a few. Of particular note is the support that Singapore has extended to Botswana in the establishment of the Botswana Public Service College (BPSC) and the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC).

Media representatives are cordially invited to provide coverage of the meeting at the Ministry of State President with the Minister of Presidential Affairs and Public Administration, Honourable Eric Molale, on Monday 5 September 2016, at 1600hrs.

The Senior Minister of State will be accompanied by the High Commissioner of Singapore to Botswana and other Senior Government Officials. The Delegation is expected to depart Gaborone on 6 September 2016.

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