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HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT ATTENDS THE SADC SUMMIT IN MBABANE, SWAZILAND: 29 -31 AUGUST 2016

Gaborone, 28 August 2016: His Excellency, President Lieutenant General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, will undertake a three-day visit to the Kingdom of Swaziland from 29 to 31 August 2016 to attend the 36th Southern Africa Development Community Summit (SADC) Summit of Heads of State and Government. The Summit is being held under the theme "Resource Mobilization for Investment in Sustainable Energy Infrastructure for an Inclusive SADC Industrialization for the Prosperity". The Summit is preceded by the Council of Ministers meeting from 26 to 28 August 2016.

The regional leaders will discuss a wide range of issues affecting the Southern African region. These include among others, the political and security developments in the region; progress regarding economic integration agenda; the existing challenges related to poverty alleviation, drought, food insecurity, energy shortages, pandemics such as HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis as well as Malaria.

During her one-year Chairmanship, Botswana has not only spearheaded regional efforts aimed at addressing the political and security challenges in Lesotho, but has among other things, convened three (3) Ministerial workshops aimed at seeking durable solutions to the current challenges related to food insecurity and poverty alleviation; inadequate energy supply and water scarcity as well as illegal trade in wildlife.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied at the Summit by the Honourable Dr. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; the Honourable Ontefetse K. Matambo, Minister of Finance and Development Planning; Honourable Vincent T. Seretse, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry as well as Senior Government officials.

The President is expected to return to Gaborone on 31st August 2016.

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