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HON. PELONOMI VENSON-MOITOI TO ATTEND THE 105TH SESSION OF THE ACP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE 42ND SESSION OF THE ACP-EU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Gaborone, 28 April 2017: The Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi, will lead the Botswana delegation to the 105th Session of the ACP Council of Ministers and the 42nd Session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers to be held from 2nd – 5th May 2017 in Brussels, Belgium.

These two meetings will afford the ACP Council of Ministers an opportunity to exchange views on the current global political developments and their impact on the ACP Member States. The meetings will also consider, amongst others, matters pertaining to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); Climate Change; the future relations between ACP and EU countries, and the future of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of countries post 2020; and the state of play of the ACP-EU regional Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAS).

These issues are critical for Botswana's engagement with the international community, and remain a priority in Botswana's national development efforts.

Honourable Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi is expected to return to Gaborone on 6th May 2017.

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