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BOTSWANA-ETHIOPIA JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION (JMC)

Gaborone, 5 October 2017: The Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Ponomi Venson-Moitoi will host her counterpart, Honourable Hirut Zemene Kassa, the State Minister of Political Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia, for the Inaugural Session of the Botswana/Ethiopia Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) in Gaborone on 10th October 2017. The Ethiopian delegation will include the Minister of Culture and Tourism and the Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, as well as senior officials from various Ministries.

Botswana and Ethiopia signed a General Framework Agreement on cooperation in 2012 which provides a platform to explore and promote bilateral cooperation between the two countries. The JMC was subsequently established on 2nd July 2017 with a view to further deepen and broaden the scope of bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

The Joint Ministerial Commission will deliberate on a wide range of issues ranging from security, stability and governance; economic and infrastructure development; social and cultural cooperation among others. The Joint Ministerial Committee will be preceded by the meeting of Senior Officials to be held on 9th October 2017.

It is expected that the convening of this bilateral mechanism will afford the two countries an invaluable opportunity to further enhance cooperation in the critical sectors of the economy.

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