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PRESS RELEASE

PRESIDENT KHAMA TRAVELS TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA

Gaborone, 29 September 2017: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Excellency, Lieutenant General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, President of the Republic of Botswana, will undertake a 3-day State Visit to Valletta, Malta from 1 to 4 October 2017, at the invitation of his counterpart, Her Excellency, Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of the Republic of Malta.

The State Visit will serve to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of Malta, which were established in 2005. It will also afford the two countries a valuable opportunity to explore potential areas of cooperation, in fields of trade and investment; youth empowerment; the fight against cyber crime, as well as tourism; to name but a few.

Malta has established herself as a highly-industrialized, innovation-driven economy that Botswana, which aims to transform from an Upper Middle Income Country to a High Income Economy, could draw valuable lessons from Malta.

Botswana and Malta are committed to uphold the shared values of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights, and this makes collaboration both at the bilateral and international levels much easier. The two countries have been closely collaborating within the auspices of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied by Honourable Pelonomi Venson-Moitsoi, the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation; Honourable Thapelo Olopeng, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Culture Development; Honourable Kitso Mokaila, Minister of Transport and Communications, as well as, Senior Government Officials.

From Malta, His Excellency the President will proceed to Washington DC where he will participate in the meeting of Conservation International. His Excellency will return to Botswana on 7th October 2017.

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