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HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE 72nd REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 18 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2017

Gaborone, 15 September, 2017: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Honour the Vice-President, Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi will, on 17 September 2017, lead the Botswana Delegation to the 72nd Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA-72), taking place in New York, United States of America.

The 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly will be held under the theme "**Focusing on People: Striving for Peace and a Decent Life for All on a Sustainable Planet.**"

The Vice-President will be accompanied by the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Ponomi Venson-Moitoi; the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Honourable Vincent Seretse; and Senior Government Officials.

The regular 72nd Session of the UNGA commenced on 12th September 2017, with the General Debate being held from 19th to 25th September 2017. His Honour the Vice-President is scheduled to address the Assembly during the General Debate Session in the morning of Thursday, 21st September 2017.

The Vice-President will also hold several bilateral meetings as well as participate in a number of high-level discussions and side events, including the Summit on a Global Pact for the Environment; high-level side event in collaboration with UNAIDS titled "Fast Track: Quickening the Pace of Action to end Aids; the United Nations Security Council high-level debate on Peace-keeping; the high-level meeting of the Education Commission; the high-level event on the 3rd Industrial Development Decade for Africa – 2016 to 2025, among others.

On the margins of the General Assembly, the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation Honourable Dr. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi will attend other meetings, including chairing the Ministerial level meeting of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AU PSC) in her capacity as Chair of the AU PSC for the month of September 2017.

His Honour the Vice-President and his entourage are expected to return to Gaborone on 24 September 2017.

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