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BOTSWANA CONDEMNS MYANMAR ON THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE

Gaborone, 14 November 2017: The Government of the Republic of Botswana notes, with great concern, the worsening humanitarian crises in Myanmar involving the Rohingya people, which could be described as ethnic cleansing.

This humanitarian catastrophe, where innocent civilians continue to be subjected to immense suffering, persecution and loss of life cannot be allowed to continue under the watch of the international community. The promotion and protection of human rights is a universal principle which should be upheld by all states.

In this regard, the Government of the Republic of Botswana condemns the actions of the Authorities in Myanmar and urges them to take the necessary measures to speedily stop the ongoing violence, displacement of the affected people, and ensure respect for human rights and the rule of law.

The Government of the Republic of Botswana urges the international community to put pressure on the Authorities in Myanmar to cease these crimes against humanity and to speedily arrange for the safe return and resettlement of those affected.

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