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HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE 30th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION, 28 – 29 JANUARY 2018

Gaborone, 25 January, 2018: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Honour the Vice-President, Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, will lead the Botswana Delegation to the 30th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU) to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 28th to 29th January 2018. The Summit will be preceded by the 32nd Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.

The 2018 January AU Summit will be held under the theme: **“Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa’s Transformation”**.

The Summit will deliberate on key issues on the African Union agenda, including the report of President Paul Kagame of Rwanda on the implementation of the African Union Institutional Reforms; report of the African Union Commission Chairperson on the work of the Reform Implementation Unit; report of the African Union Peace and Security Council on its activities and the state of peace and security in Africa, and the reports of Leaders on specific thematic issues. In addition, the establishment of the Single African Air Transport Market will be launched and the countries that have signed the solemn commitment to this noble undertaking have been invited to the Launch, including Botswana.

The Vice-President will be accompanied by the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi and Senior Government Officials.

His Honour the Vice-President and his entourage are expected to return to Gaborone on 30 January 2018.

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