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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## HONOURABLE DR. UNITY DOW DEPARTS ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**Gaborone, 10 July 2018** - The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation informs that the Honourable Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Dr. Unity Dow, will undertake a two-day working Visit to the People's Republic of China from 11 to 14 July, 2018 at the invitation of her counterpart, the State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Mr. Wang Yi.

Botswana and China enjoy strong bonds of friendship, characterized by exchanges at all levels, that have, over the years, contributed to the mutually beneficial relations between the two governments and peoples. During the visit the two Ministers will exchange views on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest. They will also explore ways and means of deepening and expanding bilateral cooperation.

While in China, the Honourable Minister will also pay a courtesy call on the Vice President, His Excellency Mr. Wang Qishian, and the Vice Chairman of the China International Development Cooperation Agency, Mr Zhou Liujun, to discuss international development cooperation opportunities. Honourable Dr. Dow will also visit the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST) with a view to exploring potential partnerships in the field of Science and Technology.

The Minister, accompanied by Senior Government Officials, is expected back on  $15^{\rm th}$  July 2018.

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