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HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT MASISI TRAVELS TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

GABORONE, 25th August 2018: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Excellency, Mr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana, will travel to Beijing, China on 29th August 2018 at the invitation of his counterpart, His Excellency, Mr. Xi Jinping, the President of the People's Republic of China.

His Excellency the President's visit to the People's Republic of China will be in two parts, as follows:

- From the 31st August to the 2nd September 2018, His Excellency the President will be on a State visit. During the State Visit, His Excellency the President will hold bilateral talks with his counterpart; wherein they will deliberate on various issues of mutual interest, with a view to enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries.
- As part of the State Visit, His Excellency President Masisi is scheduled to officiate the Botswana-China Business Forum on **31st August 2018**, which is co-hosted by Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) in partnership with the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT).
- From 3rd to 4th September 2018, His Excellency the President will attend the 3rd Summit of Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). The FOCAC Summit will be held under the theme "**China and Africa: Toward an Even Stronger Community with a Shared Future through Win-Win Cooperation.**" During the Summit, China and African countries are expected to further align the Summit's theme with China's Belt and Road Initiative, the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the development strategies of individual African countries.



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His Excellency the President will be accompanied by the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Hon. Dr. Unity Dow; the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security, Hon. Shaw Kgathi; the Minister of Transport and Communications, Hon. Onkokame Kitso Mokaila; the Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security, Hon. Eric M. Molale; the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Hon. Bogolo Kenewendo; as well as Senior Government Officials.

His Excellency the President and his entourage are expected to return home on 7th September 2018.

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