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PRESS RELEASE

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT MASISI ATTENDS THE 38TH SADC SUMMIT IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

GABORONE, 16th 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 on 16th August 2018 travel to Windhoek, Namibia to attend the 38th SADC Ordinary Summit for Heads of State and Government. The Summit will be held under the theme **"Promoting Infrastructural Development and Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development"**.

The Summit is expected to, amongst others, deliberate on the Status on the Implementation of the Industrialization Strategy and Roadmap; the SADC Regional Development Fund; the socio-economic situation in the region; Continental Integration Issues and African Union Institutional Reforms; as well the political and security situation in the SADC region.

The Summit was preceded by the Senior Officials' meeting on 9th -13th August; the Council of Ministers' meeting on 13th - 14th August 2018. The Preparatory meetings for the Summit will conclude today on 16th August 2018, with the SADC Organ Troika meeting. The Summit will observe the handover of the SADC Chairmanship from the Republic of South Africa to the Republic of Namibia.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied by Hon. Dr. Unity Dow, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation; Hon. Ontefetse K. Matambo, Minister of Finance and Economic Development; Hon. Moiseralele Master Goya, Assistant Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry and Senior Government Officials.

His Excellency the President is expected to return to Gaborone on 18th August 2018.

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