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PRESS RELEASE

PRESIDENT MASISI ATTENDS THE ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE CONFERENCE: LONDON 2018

Gaborone, 05 October 2018: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Excellency the President, Mr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi will, at the invitation of the Government of the United Kingdom, travel to London on 8th October 2018 to attend the Illegal Wildlife Trade Conference: London 2018 scheduled for the 10th to 12th October 2018.

The Conference, which is expected to bring together global leaders to help eradicate illegal wildlife trade and better protect the world's most iconic species from the threat of extinction, will focus on three key themes:

- Tackling illegal wildlife trade (IWT) as a serious organized crime;
- Building coalitions; and
- Closing markets.

It will be recalled that Botswana has, along with several other countries, committed to taking decisive and urgent action to tackle the illegal wildlife trade in endangered fauna and flora. This is in recognition of the significant scale and detrimental economic, social and environmental consequences of the illegal trade in wildlife. As a result, Botswana has, over the years, made a number of policy advances to promote wildlife management and conservation.

This Conference provides the necessary platform for His Excellency the President to share Botswana's experiences and successes in dealing with illegal wildlife trade.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied by Hon. Dr. Unity Dow, the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation; Hon. Mr. Tshekedi Khama, Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism; and senior government officials.

The President and his entourage will return to Botswana on 13th October 2018.

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