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HONOURABLE MINISTER DR. UNITY DOW ATTENDS THE 1st EUROPEAN UNION (EU)-AFRICAN UNION (AU) MINISTERIAL MEETING, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Gaborone, 18th January 2019: The Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Hon. Dr. Unity Dow will travel to Brussels, Belgium on 19th January 2019, to attend the 1st European Union (EU) –African Union (AU) Ministerial Meeting to be held from **21st to 22nd January 2019**. The Ministerial Meeting is a follow-up to the 5th EU-AU Summit which was held in November 2017 in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire.

The Ministerial Meeting will review progress and deliberate on ways and means of accelerating implementation of commitments made on the strategic priority areas consistent with the Abidjan Declaration, adopted at the EU-AU Abidjan Summit. The priority areas outlined in the Declaration include: **investing in people; education, science, technology and skills development; strengthening resilience, peace, security and governance; migration and mobility; and mobilizing investments for African Structural Sustainable Transformation.**

The Ministerial meeting will thus chart the way forward towards the next AU-EU Summit which will be held in Europe in 2020.

The Hon. Minister returns to Gaborone on 24th January 2019.

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