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DR MATSHIDISO REBECCA MOETI ELECTED TO SERVE FOR A SECOND TERM AS THE WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA

Gaborone, 22nd August, 2019: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that Dr. Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti, a citizen of Botswana and the incumbent World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Director for Africa, was elected for a second term, at the 69th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, in Brazzaville, the Republic of Congo, on 20 August 2019.

Dr. Moeti was overwhelmingly elected by (45) Member States of WHO Regional Committee for Africa, by a vote of forty-four (44) Member States in favour and one (1) against. The victory is a vote of confidence in Dr. Moeti's leadership skills and her vision for health agenda in Africa during the last five (5) years.

Following a campaign spearheaded by His Excellency, Dr Mokgweetsi E. K. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana, Dr. Moeti was endorsed as the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the African Union (AU) candidate for the WHO position of Regional Director for Africa.

Dr. Moeti's next five-year term will commence in February 2020. Her strategy will have a strong focus on the elimination of key infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases, the strengthening of partnerships with the private sector, and also the delivery of a WHO that is more effective, innovative, accountable and efficient.

The Ministry takes this opportunity on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Botswana to express its sincere appreciation to all the SADC countries, as well as, the Member States of WHO Regional Committee for Africa.

The Ministry further conveys its congratulations to Dr. Moeti and wishes her the very best in her tenure of office.

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