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**RESPONSE TO THE CORONA VIRUS (COVID 19) OUTBREAK:
EMBASSY OF BOTSWANA ACCREDITED TO THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM, THE
ITALIAN REPUBLIC, THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG, THE KINGDOM OF
THE NETHERLANDS AND THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The Embassy has been closely following developments regarding the virulent spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) across Europe and the world, since the outbreak began in December 2019 in the People's Republic of China.

While the Embassy continuously strives to deliver efficient and effective consular services to our citizens abroad, in doing so, the safety and welfare of Batswana wherever they may reside remains our primary concern at all times.

In light of the escalating numbers of confirmed cases and heightened health, safety and security risks, the Embassy has therefore decided to suspend all consular activities from **Friday 13th March 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020**. The Embassy will continue to monitor the situation to determine whether the suspension necessitates extension. I appreciate your understanding and flexibility in this regard.

For your own safety and that of your families and those around you, please ensure adherence to the measures recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and your host governments. These include basic hygiene measures such as regular washing of hands with soap, coughing and sneezing into a tissue or into your elbow, and avoiding close contact.

During these difficult times, I urge all our citizens to continue to exercise great patience and endurance. I want to encourage you to continue to exhibit the usual great Tswana resilience, notwithstanding the great challenges and times of uncertainty we are facing.

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