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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **VISIT TO BOTSWANA BY HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. EMMERSON D. MNANGAGWA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE, 12 to 13 FEBRUARY 2018**

**GABORONE, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018:** The Government of the Republic of Botswana wishes to inform that His Excellency, Mr. Emmerson D. Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, will undertake a two-day State Visit to the Republic of Botswana from 12 to 13 February 2018, at the invitation of his counterpart, His Excellency, Lieutenant General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, President of the Republic of Botswana.

The visit will afford the two leaders an opportunity to deliberate on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern. It will also serve to further strengthen the long standing cordial relations between Botswana and Zimbabwe.

The State Visit will be preceded by the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Botswana-Zimbabwe Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation (JPCC) from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The JPCC will be Co-Chaired by Honourable Dr. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Botswana and Honourable Rtd Lt. General Dr. Sibusiso Moyo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

The JPCC will discuss a wide range of issues with a view to broaden and deepen bilateral cooperation in areas such as trade and investment promotion, energy, control of trans-boundary animal diseases, tourism promotion, education, health, shared water courses, transport and cultural cooperation, to mention but a few.

His Excellency, President Mnangagwa will be accompanied by some Ministers, as well as Senior Government Officials and members of the Zimbabwe Business Community.

His Excellency President Mnangagwa and his entourage will return to Zimbabwe on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

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