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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT KHAMA'S STATE VISIT TO NAMIBIA

**Gaborone**, **2**<sup>nd</sup> **February**, **2018**: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Excellency the President, Lieutenant General Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, President of the Republic of Botswana will travel to Namibia on a two-day State Visit from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at the invitation of his counterpart His Excellency Dr. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia.

During the visit, His Excellency President Khama will hold bilateral talks with His Excellency President Dr. Hage Geingob, President of Republic of Namibia. The two Leaders will also discuss matters of bilateral cooperation between the two countries in various sectors of the economy, as well as regional, continental and global issues of mutual concern.

As it would be recalled, His Excellency President Dr. Hage Geingob paid a State visit to Botswana in July 2016. These high-level exchange visits are a clear demonstration of the two Leaders' resolve to enhance the enduring strategic partnership between the two countries.

Apart from the exchange of State visits, the two countries also leverage on the existing bilateral mechanisms such as the Joint Permanent Commission on Cooperation (JPCC) and the Joint Permanent Commission on Defence and Security (JPCDS) with a view to broaden the scope of their cooperation.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied by Honourable Pelonomi Venson- Moitoi, the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Shaw Kgathi, the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security, Honourable Kitso Mokaila, the Minister of Transport and Communications; Honourable Vincent Seretse, the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry; Honourable Tshekedi Khama, the Minister of Environment, Natural Resource Conservation and Tourism; and Honourable Prince Maele, the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation services.

His Excellency the President and his entourage are expected to return to Gaborone on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

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