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PRESS RELEASE

HONOURABLE VINCENT T. SERETSE TO ATTEND THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC (ACP) COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, ACP-EUROPEAN UNION (EU) JOINT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE AFRICA-NORDIC MINISTERIAL FORUM.

GABORONE, 25th May 2018: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Hon. Vincent T. Seretse will travel to Lome, Togo on the 26th May 2018 to attend the following meetings:

- 107th Session of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Council of Ministers from 27th – 30th May 2018 held under the theme "**Supporting the Economic and Social Transformation of ACP States at Regional, Continental and Global Level**". The objective of the meeting is to exchange views on the ACP Negotiation Mandate for the Post 2020 Cotonou negotiations with the EU. The ACP/EU negotiations are expected to define the future relations of the ACP with the EU when the Cotonou Agreement expires on 29 February 2020.
- The 43rd Session of the ACP- European Union (EU) Joint Council of Ministers Meeting from 31st May - 1st June 2018. The meeting will serve as a platform for preliminary negotiations between the ACP and EU countries on future cooperation.

From Togo, Hon. Minister Seretse will proceed to Copenhagen, Denmark to attend the **17th Session of the Africa-Nordic Ministerial Forum** at the invitation of the Foreign Minister of Denmark, Mr. Anders Samuelsen, from 6th – 8th June 2018.

The meeting will deliberate on the theme for 2018: "**Building strong societies in a Globalized world**". The Ministers will further exchange views on global issues of common interest such as, peace and security, trade and investment, as well as, youth and migration issues.

Hon. Minister Seretse will return to Gaborone on the 9th June 2018.

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