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PRESS RELEASE

HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT ATTENDS THE 73rd SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA73).

GABORONE, 14th September 2018: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation informs that His Excellency, Mr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana, will travel to New York, United States of America on 18th September 2018 to attend the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA73) from 25th to 28th September 2018.

The Session will be held under the theme: "***Making the United Nations Relevant to All People: Global Leadership and Shared Responsibilities for Peaceful, Equitable and Sustainable Societies.***" Alongside the 73rd Session, His Excellency the President will also attend a number of High Level Meeting or Summits such as: Nelson Mandela Peace Summit: 24th September 2018; High-Level Event on Young People's Agenda: 24th September 2018; High-Level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases: 27th September 2018.

His Excellency the President is scheduled to deliver the UNGA73 plenary statement in the morning of 27th September 2018.

President Masisi will be accompanied by the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Unity Dow and Senior Government Officials for the duration of the trip.

Prior to the UNGA73 Session, from 19th – 21st September, His Excellency will pay a working visit to Tallahassee and Orlando, in the State of Florida; and Houston, in the State of Texas. H.E.'s programme will include engagement with Enterprise Florida; as well a visit to the Texas Children's Hospital

On 22nd September 2018, His Excellency will attend an event hosted by the Diamond Empowerment Fund, and will receive US\$130 000 as contribution to Botswana's Top Achievers Programme that rewards high academic performance by Botswana students.

