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## PRESS RELEASE

### **BOTSWANA HEADS OF MISSION CONSULTATIVE FORUM** **GABORONE: 20 TO 24 AUGUST 2018**

**Gaborone, 17 August 2018:** The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation (MIAC) wishes to inform that His Excellency, Mr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana, will host a joint briefing session for the Botswana Heads of Diplomatic Mission and Foreign Envoys accredited to Botswana on 23 August 2018 at the Pavilion, Boipuso Hall.

At this briefing session, His Excellency the President will focus on the latest developments in Botswana, challenges, as well as policy initiatives to address them. The President will also pronounce himself on the Foreign Policy of Botswana in regard to key issues at the regional, continental, and global levels.

The Ministry further wishes to inform that, preceding this joint briefing session, a Botswana Heads of Mission Consultative Forum (HOMCF) will be held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018, at the Pavilion, Boipuso Hall.

The HOMCF allows Botswana's Ambassadors and High Commissioners to reflect on the country's development agenda, and deliberate on key foreign policy issues and goals in advancing this agenda. The Forum also provides a crucial platform to review Botswana's economic reform initiatives and measures taken to improve the ease-of-doing business in the country so as to chart a coordinated approach in advancing national interests abroad.

The 2018 HOMCF, which will be held under the theme: "***Strategically Positioning Botswana Beyond 50***", is aimed at reflecting on how best Botswana could strategically position herself in order to become an influential and respected player in the highly competitive and dynamic global environment.

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