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OFFICIAL VISIT TO BOTSWANA BY HONOURABLE SHRI VENKAIAH NAIDU, VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA 31ST OCTOBER TO 2ND NOVEMBER 2018

Gaborone, 29 October 2018: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that Honourable Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu, the Vice President of the Republic of India, will pay an official visit to Botswana, from 31st October to 2nd November 2018, at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Botswana.

The visit is intended to further strengthen the bilateral relations between Botswana and India, particularly in the areas of defence, health, education, security and aviation, as well as enhance trade and investment between the two countries. During the visit, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu will officiate the Botswana 2018 Global Expo, hold official talks with His Honour the Vice President, Mr. Slumber Tsogwane and pay a courtesy call on the Speaker of the National Assembly, Honourable Gladys Kokorwe.

Botswana's relations with India can be traced back from time immemorial, with the two countries relations founded on shared values of mutual respect and understanding, democracy, peace, rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights, and rules-based international system.

The Honourable Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and his delegation are expected to depart on 2nd November 2018.

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