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PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY UNDERTAKES A STATE VISIT TO BOTSWANA: 21 -22 NOVEMBER 2018

Gaborone, 19 November 2018: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Excellency, Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany will undertake a two-day State Visit to Botswana at the invitation of his counterpart, His Excellency the President, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, from 21st to 22nd November 2018.

During the State Visit, the two Leaders will hold official talks, focusing on the state of bilateral cooperation, as well as regional and global issues of mutual interest. As part of his programme, President Steinmeier will also visit the Construction Industry Trust Fund and engage with the SADC Secretariat.

President Steinmeier will be accompanied by a business delegation which will engage with the local business community to explore trade and investment opportunities in Botswana.

Botswana and Germany established diplomatic relations in 1966. Over the years the two countries have collaborated in various fields of development, such as education, environment, tourism, water, energy, and trade and investment. Botswana established a resident diplomatic mission in Berlin in September 2013.

President Steinmeier will be accompanied by Mrs. Elke Büdenbender, First Lady of the Federal Republic of Germany; and senior government officials.

The President and his entourage will depart Botswana on 22nd November 2018.

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