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APPOINTMENT OF BOTSWANA'S AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE

GABORONE, 30 April 2019: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to announce that His Excellency the President, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, has appointed Ambassador Mustaq Moorad as Botswana's Ambassador-Designate to the Republic of France.

Mr. Moorad has over 40 years senior level experience in a range of fields focusing on democracy, governance and multilateral diplomacy issues, in the context of his previous work as an Electoral Consultant in the last four (4) years. Prior to this, he was the Regional Director for Africa and Permanent Observer to the African Union for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) for 6 years.

Ambassador Moorad also has vast experience in the Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation. He joined the Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation (then Ministry of Foreign Affairs) as Deputy Director, International Relations in 1988, and served in various capacities within the professional ranks of the Ministry, at both Headquarters and its Diplomatic Missions abroad. These include the position of Counsellor in the Botswana Embassy and Mission to the European Union, which was accredited to European Union, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, Germany and Italy. He also served as Botswana's Permanent Representative to the African Union and Ambassador to Ethiopia from 2000 to 2005, and became Deputy Permanent Secretary in the then Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in 2005.

The Ambassador-Designate is expected to take up his post in Paris, France in May 2019.

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