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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# NOMINATION OF BOTSWANA MEMBERS TO SOUTHERN AFRICA DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY'S (SADC) OBSERVER MISSIONS TO ELECTIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA, MALAWI AND MADAGASCAR.

**GABORONE, 7 May 2019**: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that the Government of Botswana has nominated the below listed as members of the Southern Africa Development Community Observer Missions (SEOM). These SEOMs will observe Presidential, Parliamentary and Local elections in South Africa (8 May 2019), Malawi (21 May 2019), and Madagascar (27 May 2019), in line with SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections.

#### **South Africa**

- 1. Mr. Phandu Tombola Chaha Skelemani former Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation.
- 2. Mr. Botsalo Ntuane former Member of Parliament for Gaborone Bonnington South.

#### Malawi

- 1. Justice Sanji Mmasenono Monageng former Vice President and Judge of the International Criminal Court; and former Commissioner, African Union Commission on Human and Peoples Rights.
- 2. Ambassador Sasara Chasala George former Ambassador of Botswana to China and Belgium, as well as former Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation.

### **Madagascar**

Mr. Benjamin T. Motlhalamme – former Director, Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation

Botswana strongly supports the electoral observation process, which is an integral part of the Southern African Development Community's (SADC) democracy agenda.

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