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CIRCULATION OF FAKE EMAILS PURPORTING TO BE FROM HONOURABLE DR UNITY DOW

Gaborone, 24 May 2019: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to alert and warn the public of a scam circulating in social media involving a false facebook account and fake emails, alleging to be from the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Unity Dow.

The facebook posting and the emails purport that Honourable Dow has access to "*international funders for small businesses*" that the recipient has been added to a list of beneficiaries eligible for international funding from the European Development Fund for small businesses. The recipient is then requested to make a payment of **P2, 600.00** to purchase some forms to apply for the alleged grant.

The Public is informed that the emails are false and that **Honourable Dr. Unity Dow is not involved in any international funding schemes for small businesses**. The public is further reminded that any information to do with financing of programmes aimed at uplifting the lives of Batswana is always shared through official Government Communication channels. The public is further encouraged to contact the Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation's Department of Public Relations, Research and Information on 3600700 on any further enquiries or to verify any information of this nature.

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