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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT TRAVELS TO THE STATE OF QATAR

**GABORONE**, **9**<sup>th</sup> **April 2019**: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that His Excellency the President, Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, will travel to Doha, Qatar on 14 April 2019 on a two-day State Visit at the invitation of his counterpart, His Highness, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar.

During the Visit, the Heads of State will hold bilateral talks with a view to further deepen and expand cooperation between the two countries, in various areas of development, such as agriculture, trade and investment, mining, education and tourism. The two leaders will also deliberate on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The Visit is preceded by a meeting of Senior Officials, as well as a Business Forum involving Parastatals and private-sector companies from both countries.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied by the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Hon. Dr. Unity Dow; the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security, Hon. Shaw Kgathi; the Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism, Hon. Kitso Mokaila; the Minister of Transport and Communication, Hon. Dorcas Makgato; the Minister of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy, Hon. Eric Molale; the Minister of Agricultural Development and Food Security, Hon. Patrick Ralotsia; and the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Hon. Bogolo Kenewendo; as well as Senior Government Officials.

His Excellency the President and his entourage are expected to return home on 16 April 2019.

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