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## HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT UNDERTAKES A WORKING VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

**GABORONE, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021**: The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that on **30<sup>th</sup> May 2021**, His Excellency Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana, will undertake a Working Visit to the Republic of Angola.

His Excellency the President will engage with his counterpart, His Excellency Mr. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, on bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest. The Heads of State will also have the opportunity to exchange notes on efforts that their two countries can embark upon to find common solutions to the socioeconomic challenges occasioned by COVID-19.

While in Angola, His Excellency the President will also present Botswana's candidate for the position of SADC Executive Secretary, Ambassador-at-Large Mr. Elias Mpedi Magosi.

Botswana and Angola enjoy strong bonds of friendship. Diplomatic relations between the two were established in 1975 and over the years there has been excellent cooperation in various sectors such as transport, agriculture and conservation.

His Excellency the President will be accompanied by Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Lemogang Kwape and Senior Government Officials.



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