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## PRESS RELEASE

### **HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT TO UNDERTAKE A WORKING VISIT TO THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

**GABORONE, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021:** The Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation wishes to inform that on **19<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 Kingdom of Lesotho.

During the Visit, His Excellency the President will meet with His Majesty King Letsie III to deliberate on issues of common interest, including the COVID-19 situation to explore common solutions to the problems presented by the pandemic. The two Heads of State will also discuss ways of strengthening cooperation between their countries through the existing bilateral cooperation framework, the *Botswana-Lesotho Joint Commission on Economic and Technical Cooperation (JCETC)*, which was established in May 2003.

Currently, Botswana and Lesotho cooperate in a number of areas such as on judicial matters, education, and capacity building for law enforcement agencies. Botswana also continues to play an active role in support of Lesotho's implementation of her National Reforms agenda, aimed at consolidating peace and security in the country.

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

The President's delegation will comprise the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Honourable Dr. Lemogang Kwape; Paramount Chief of Bangwaketse, Kgosi Malope II; Deputy Coordinator of the Presidential COVID-19 Task Force, Professor Mosepele Mosepele and other Senior Government Officials.

His Excellency the President and his delegation will return to Gaborone the same day.

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