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## PRESS RELEASE

### **4<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE BOTSWANA - EUROPEAN UNION POLITICAL DIALOGUE TO BE HELD IN GABORONE**

**GABORONE, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to inform the public, that the **4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Botswana-European Union (EU) Political Dialogue**, will be held on **16<sup>th</sup> May 2023**, in Gaborone, Botswana. The Botswana delegation will be led by Honourable Dr. Lemogang Kwape, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Head of the EU Delegation to Botswana and SADC, Her Excellency Ms. Petra Pereyra, will co-chair the Session with the Minister.

The Dialogue is expected to focus on Botswana - EU cooperation and political developments in the SADC region. The meeting will also discuss multilateral issues of common interest to Botswana and the EU, including receiving a progress update on the official launch of the Kimberly Process Secretariat, in Gaborone.

Botswana and the EU cooperate in the socio-economic and political fields. Through this strategic partnership, Botswana has benefitted in a number of areas including, receiving technical support for the national Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) reforms programme; as well as support for economic diversification initiatives such as those in the digital transformation, skills development, trade and investment promotion sectors.

The Minister will be joined in the meeting by Senior Government Officials.

