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BOTSWANA TO OPEN RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN BERLIN, GERMANY

Gaborone, 17TH June, 2013 – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation wishes to inform that the Government of the Republic of Botswana will open a resident diplomatic Mission in Berlin, Germany with effect from August, 2013.

Botswana and the Federal Republic of Germany have maintained cordial relations since the establishment of formal diplomatic ties between the two countries in 1974. The presence of a resident German Embassy in Gaborone has contributed highly to the growth of our bilateral relations particularly in the areas of Wildlife, Geological Survey; HIV/AIDS, and Vocational Education.

Financial support has also been advanced for the major villages water and sanitation project (covering Mahalapye, Palapye Serowe and Tonota) from 1986-1994 as well as phase 2 of the Molepolole and Kanye water works. The Rural Industries Promotions Company (RIPCO) and the Rural Industries Innovation Centre (RIIC) were also set-up with German financing.

Opening a Botswana resident Mission in the Federal Republic of Germany will ensure that our bilateral relationship continues to flourish into other areas such as science and technology as well as in trade and business.

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