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HONOURABLE MINISTER DR. PELONOMI VENSON-MOITOI TO ATTEND THE AFRICA-NORDIC MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

Gaborone, 23 May 2016: The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Honourable Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi, will undertake a two-day official visit to Oslo, Norway, to participate in the 15th Session of the Africa-Nordic Meeting of Foreign Ministers, to be held from 26-27 May 2016. The Honourable Minister has been invited by His Excellency Mr. Børge Brende, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway.

The Africa-Nordic Foreign Ministers Meeting is an informal forum aimed at promoting dialogue and cooperation between Africa and Nordic countries. The Forum, which was established in 2000, brings together Ministers of Foreign Affairs from ten (10) African countries, and five (5) Nordic countries, namely, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Iceland and Sweden.

The meeting in Oslo will enhance collaboration and partnerships that exist between Africa and Nordic countries. In this regard, the Foreign Ministers will share experiences and exchange views on issues of mutual interest, among others, the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Africa's Agenda 2063, migration, terrorism, and international peace and security.

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