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UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY (NSS)

The Government of Botswana is pleased to provide an update on the ongoing development of the National Security Strategy (NSS), a comprehensive framework aimed at strengthening national security, resilience, and preparedness.

The development of the National Security Strategy represents a significant milestone in Botswana's national governance and security architecture. By undertaking this process, Botswana joins a growing number of progressive nations that have modernised their national security frameworks to embrace the concept of human security alongside traditional state security. The Strategy has been developed through a rigorous and consultative process that drew upon both national expertise and international experience. It has been benchmarked against international best practices in national security planning and governance, ensuring that Botswana's approach is aligned with evolving global standards while remaining responsive to the country's specific needs, priorities, and security realities.

As part of the development process, a comprehensive national baseline survey was conducted to assess public and institutional perceptions regarding the country's security environment. The survey identified a broad range of issues including economic vulnerabilities, cyber threats, transnational crime, border security, youth-related challenges, environmental pressures, governance concerns, and social resilience.

In addition, extensive consultations, interviews, technical sessions, and stakeholder engagements were undertaken across government and partner institutions. The insights gathered through these engagements have been incorporated into the Strategy, ensuring that it is evidence based, inclusive, and responsive to emerging national security risks.

Furthermore, the Government remains committed to ensuring broad national participation in the process. In this regard, further consultations will be undertaken with other key institutions and arms of Government, including the Legislature and the Executive, as part of the finalisation process.

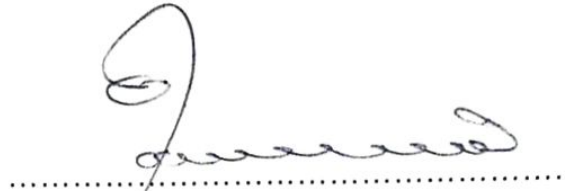
Over the past several months, the draft Strategy has undergone rigorous review and refinement processes. Inputs from technical experts, academic institutions, and strategic partners have contributed significantly to strengthening the document's analytical depth, policy coherence, implementation arrangements, and monitoring mechanisms.

Once approved, the National Security Strategy will serve as Botswana's overarching framework for coordinating national security efforts, enhancing preparedness, strengthening institutional collaboration, and supporting sustainable national development.

The Government expresses its sincere appreciation to all stakeholders who have contributed to the development of the Strategy and looks forward to continued collaboration during the finalization and implementation phases.

Further updates will be provided as the process advances toward formal approval and rollout. For further information, please contact Colonel George Rindo (NSS Secretariat) at 76672168.

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