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To: Delegations

Subject: The EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes

- Compilation of commitment letters received from jurisdictions
- = Botswana
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REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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General Secretariat of the Council
Unit DG G 2B – Tax Policy
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Dear Sir,

RE: FOLLOW-UP TO THE SCREENING PROCESS – BOTSWANA

1. We refer to your letter dated 24th October, 2017.
2. We are aware that in June 2017, our officials worked on a Questionnaire sent by the EU Code of Conduct Group and that a response was submitted to the EU Code of Conduct Group on 28th June, 2017. As part of the response the officials submitted that Botswana had not signed the OECD Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters. I would like to assure you that Botswana is making preparations to sign and ratify the Convention by the end of 2019.
3. Regarding the concerns raised by the Forum on Harmful Tax Practices (FHTP), we are prepared to introduce legislative amendments to address the harmful features of the Botswana International Financial Services Centre regime in line with the

FHTP's criteria. We undertake to complete the necessary legislative actions to amend the regime by December, 2018 as agreed by the Forum on Harmful Tax Practices (FHTP).

4. Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,



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MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT