

CONSTITUTION OF BOTSWANA

Authorisation to Exercise Functions of Office of the President

TO: THE HONOURABLE SERETSE KHAMA IAN KHAMA M.P., VICE-PRESIDENT

WHEREAS it is provided by section 36 (1) of the Constitution that whenever the President is absent from Botswana or considers it desirable so to do by reason of illness or any other cause he may, by directions in writing, authorise the Vice-President to discharge such of the functions of the Office of the President as he may specify, and the Vice-President may discharge those functions until the President's return to Botswana or the revocation of such authorisation, as the case may be;

AND WHEREAS I intend to be absent from Botswana from the 4th March, 2007 and I consider it desirable to issue directions as aforesaid;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested in me as aforesaid I authorise you, SERETSE KHAMA IAN KHAMA in your capacity as Vice-President, to discharge with effect from the 4th March, 2007 all the functions of the Office of the President, except —

- (a) the power to dissolve Parliament in accordance with the provisions of section 91 of the Constitution;
- (b) the power to appoint to the Office of Minister or Assistant Minister in accordance with the provisions of section 42 of the Constitution;
Provided, however, that you can appoint the present Ministers or Assistant Ministers to act in place of any Minister who is otherwise not available;
- (c) the power to remove a Minister or Assistant Minister from office in accordance with the provisions of section 43 of the Constitution;

until my return to Botswana or this authority is revoked by me whichever happens first.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal at GABORONE this 1st day of March, 2007.

F.G. MOGAE.
President.



A. MOLOKOMME.
Custodian of the Public Seal.