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Dear Mr. Zia Choudhury,

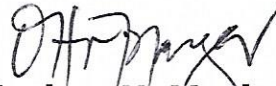
**ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR THE JOINT SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) FUND PROPOSAL**

1. Reference is made to the February 2020 communication from your office about the Joint Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Fund.
2. Kindly be informed that the proposed Joint Programme (JP) will be submitted to the Fund under Component 1, which is on reinforcing the SDG financing architecture. As stated in your referenced correspondence, the main focus of the proposal will be on **'ensuring more efficient Government spending and financing'** that is essential for the achievement of the SDGs. This will include the establishment of a dialogue towards sustainable financing of the SDGs through promoting efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, accountability and equity in public expenditure.
3. This is a welcome development as the fund will support the Government of Botswana to implement the 2017 Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and contribute to the realisation of its national development priorities as well as escalating efforts towards the realization of the SDGs at national and local levels in the country.
4. In this regard, the Government of Botswana endorses this application of the Botswana United Nations Country Team for the Joint SDG Fund Proposal. The proposed Joint Programme, through the Integrated National

Financing Framework (INFF), will support the implementation of the zero-based budgeting principle. The Joint SDG Fund will encourage working with the private sector and other partners to identify innovative and alternative resources outside the traditional revenue sources that can be leveraged by the Government to support the realisation of the SDGs.

5. We thank you for your continued support especially during the period of the Decade of Action, as we work with our partners to escalate efforts aimed at achieving the national development priorities and the SDGs at national and local levels in Botswana.

Yours Sincerely,



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