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Sir,

From the onset, let me congratulate you on your appointment as the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions with effect from 1st April 2021.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of a letter from your predecessor, Dr Agnes Callamard, dated 26th March 2021 and received by the Botswana Mission on 12th July 2021, regarding inquiries concerning the alleged risk to the life of Botswana's Former President, Ian Khama and intimidation towards Mr Shadrack Baaitse.

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the letter did not reach my office on the date it was written, which would have ensured a timely response from my Government, as well as allowed for some level of engagement with the author before the expiry of her term. While I regret that the author of the letter left office only days following this inquiry, I wish to state that my Government has taken the allegations contained therein very seriously. Since receiving this letter, I have been engaging my capital with a view to responding to the letter at the earliest.

I have also engaged the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Chief of the Special Procedures Branch on 12th and 13th July 2021, in order to obtain a full appreciation of the miscommunication that could have resulted in the non-delivery of the official letter to the Mission, re-establish the channels of communication, and most importantly, to agree on the way forward with respect to the content and issues raised by the Special Rapporteur.

Our comprehensive response to this inquiry will set the record straight on these allegations and will provide clarity on the issues at hand, while also reaffirming Botswana's deeply rooted values and principles of democracy,

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rule of law and due process, as enshrined in our Constitution, and in keeping with our commitment to our international obligations on the promotion and protection of human rights.

As you may be fully aware, Botswana has issued a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders and has cooperated fully with all requests from different mandate holders, to further exemplifying our commitment to their work to further the human rights agenda in Botswana and indeed globally.

I once again reaffirm my readiness and commitment, as well as that of my Government, to work with you to address the contents of the said letter as well as to lend you support in the overall implementation of your mandate.

Let me conclude by thanking you for your office's prompt response to my request for a meeting with yourself, and your offer to meet with me in person on a mutually agreed date between the period 23rd and 31st August 2021. I am in contact with them with a view to agreeing on a specific date in this regard, and greatly look forward to the meeting.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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