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VOTE OF THANKS AT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REBASING CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP 13 DECEMBER 2018

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Ladies and Gentleman;

Good morning

1. On behalf of Statistics Botswana, I would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to you all for having taken time from your busy schedules to be part of this consultative workshop. This is quite encouraging to me and Statistics Botswana staff, as your presence here today attests to the importance you attach to the development of statistics in the country. Today's workshop is part of the continued effort by Statistics Botswana to strengthen collaboration with you as stakeholders, for improved quality of statistical products and increase in the usage of statistics.

2. Ladies and gentlemen, earlier presenters have alluded to the importance of CPI in measuring inflation in the economy so that macroeconomic policies are based on comprehensive and up-to-date price information. You have been informed that Statistics Botswana is in the process of rebasing the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Consultations with you as key stakeholders will enable Statistics Botswana to produce relevant data for users of prices statistics.

3. Ladies and Gentlemen, You will all agree with me that we have had very valuable and useful discussions this morning and I can assure you that your input will be taken into consideration in progressing the CPI Rebasing project.

4. Once more I would like to thank you all for coming and for your active participation during the deliberations. Let me also thank Statistics Botswana who worked tirelessly to arrange for this important workshop. We look forward to other future engagements with you all.

5. With the festive season being upon us, may I take this opportunity to wish you a warm and joyful Christmas and a happy prosperous New Year!

I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.