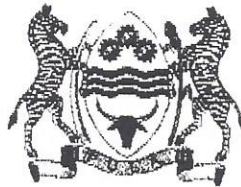


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Your Excellency,

**RE: LAUNCH OF THE SADC REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN APPEAL**

I wish to acknowledge with thanks, receipt of your letter in which you were forwarding possible dates that His Excellency the President could declare the SADC Regional disaster and launch the Regional Humanitarian Appeal.

Your Excellency, I am pleased to inform you that His Excellency the President has chosen **Tuesday 26 July 2016 at 08:30hrs.**

I wish you all the best with the preparations towards this day.

Please accept His Excellency the President's warm regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. M. Tlhalerwa'.

**Brig. G. M. Tlhalerwa**  
**SENIOR PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT**