

Statement by Botswana during the Review of the United Kingdom at the 13th Session of the Universal Periodic Review

(24th May 2012, Geneva)

Madam President,

1. Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the second cycle of the review of their country.
2. We commend the Government of the UK for the comprehensive national report. The continued efforts in institutional and legislative reforms in the area of human rights clearly demonstrate the country's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. This is in keeping with the values they hold on human rights generally.
3. Worth mentioning is the addition of a third National Human Rights Commission of Scotland to the other two Human Right Commissions, and the Review of Counter Terrorism and Security Powers. It is reassuring that the legislation continues to be reviewed.
4. Botswana also welcomes the UK's efforts in finding the root cause of the 2011 summer riots in England. We

look forward to the findings of the inquiry on the matter. Possibly a lesson or two could be learnt for prevention of similar incidents in future.

5. Finally, we congratulate the UK for its positive efforts and commitment in implementing most of the recommendations from their first cycle, and wish them well in their review as well as adoption of their report.

I thank you, Madam President!