

**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF JAPAN
AT THE 14TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC
REVIEW**

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Madam President,

1. Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of Japan, and thanks them for a comprehensive national report.
2. We commend Japan for its commitment and efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights. Japan's commitment is demonstrated, inter alia, by the legislative initiatives they have undertaken since their first review.
3. These include domestication of various human rights instruments they are party to. Of particular interest to my Delegation is the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child which addresses, amongst others, the issue of children in armed conflict.
4. We also commend the Government of Japan for the establishment of Comprehensive Measures to Eliminate Child Pornography, in addition to measures that ensure that children are protected from cyber crime.
5. However, we note that children born out of wedlock do not enjoy nationality, inheritance and birth registration rights.

6. We therefore recommend that the Government of Japan should review this situation in line with requests by the CEDAW and CRC.

7. Finally, we wish Japan a successful review and adoption of their report.

8. I thank you!