

**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF  
ZAMBIA AT THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL  
PERIODIC REVIEW**

*(30 October 2012, Geneva)*

Madam President,

1. Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of Zambia to the second cycle of the review of their country, and thanks them for a comprehensive national report.
2. We commend Zambia for the efforts made in implementing most of the recommendations made at their first review. There is notable progress in the development of legislation to address gender violence and human trafficking.
3. The enactment of the Anti-Gender Based Violence Act, the establishment of the Victim Support Unit, and the enactment of the Anti Human Trafficking Act are indeed commendable milestones in addressing gender violence and human trafficking.
4. We also note progress made in the field of health, particularly in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The majority of vulnerable groups, especially women and children now have access to anti-retroviral treatment.
5. We however note that the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights points to some remaining challenges regarding the registration of children. This particularly affects

children from the poorest families, with the effect of denying them access to public services. We therefore want to find out from the delegation of Zambia if there are any steps being taken to address this problem.

6. We recommend that the international community should assist Zambia, at their request, with technical and financial assistance to enable the country to fully implement its human rights obligations.

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

8. I thank you!