

**UPR 15 – Statement of the Czech Republic to Botswana**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Botswana, thanks for comprehensive report and for presenting the positive developments achieved since 2008.

Following on our previous recommendations, we would like to commend strengthening of the human rights framework, such as the educational programmes for promotion of human rights and adoption of the Domestic Violence Act of 2008.

To encourage Botswana to continue in its efforts to promote and protect human rights, the Czech Republic, following on its previous recommendations, would like to recommend to Botswana:

1. to ratify at the earliest possible date the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and to establish the national preventive mechanism accordingly;
2. to issue a standing invitation to special procedures of the Human Rights Council.
3. to decriminalize consensual same-sex activities between adults and to promote tolerance in this regard.