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Mr. President,

Let me thank the delegation of Botswana led by ... for the presentation of their second cycle UPR report. We appreciate the frank and informative developments and also the remaining challenges in their efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country after the first UPR report in 2009.

Mr. President,

Among the many positive developments, Indonesia is encouraged to learn about Botswana's graduation to upper middle class income status and equally welcomes the indication that Botswana will be likely to meet the MDG 1 target to half the proportion of people whose income is less than a dollar day.

We note with appreciation that in 2009, the Botswanan Government introduced the National Strategy for Poverty Eradication, as one of the leverages in achieving the high income status. Statistics show that over the years poverty in the country has reduced significantly from 59% in 1985/1986 to 20.7% in 2010. In this regard, Indonesia **recommends that the Government continue to implement the National Strategy to enable further poverty reduction in Botswana.**

We commend the efforts to fully domesticate the Convention on the Rights of the Child into the the new Children's Act and to establish a National Children's Council and its strategic plan for the period 2010-2014. Against this backdrop, Indonesia also welcomes the establishment of the National Action Plan for Orphan and Vulnerable Children 2010-2016 and **recommends that the Government accelerate the implementation of the Action Plan to enable targeted programming and interventions for the welfare and protection of the most vulnerable children in Botswana.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation wishes the Government and People of Botswana all the best in the ongoing and future efforts to better promote and protect human rights of its population.

I thank you.