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**Statement by Romania**  
**15th session of the UPR Working Group**  
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Mr. President,

The delegation of Romania welcomes the delegation of Botswana and thanks (head of delegation) for the presentation of the UPR report.

We would like to express our appreciation for the progress made in improving the human rights situation in the country, particularly for the creation of specialized judicial courts, the adoption of the new Children's Act and the establishment of a National Children's Council.

Yet, taking into account the challenges that remain in the field of children's rights, we would recommend that the authorities accelerate the implementation of the National Action Plan for Children for 2006-2016.

As concerns the area of women's rights, we applaud the election of the first woman as Speaker of the National Assembly and encourage the Government to continue reinforcing the relevant institutions, with a view to eliminating discrimination of women and domestic violence.

Finally, but not the least, we would like to recommend that the Government of Botswana consider the abolition of the death penalty.

Thank you, Mr. President.