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Thank you Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Botswana to the second cycle of the Universal periodic review and would like to thank them on the comprehensive statement and informative report.

We congratulate Botswana on their efforts to implement the recommendations made to them in the first cycle of UPR.

Botswana has committed to the principles of equality, social harmony, tolerance and non-discrimination, including upholding the rights of children, women, minority groups, disabled and disadvantaged groups.

We commend Botswana, for adopting public education initiatives such as gender sensitization in order to educate the public on women's rights.

Further, Botswana adopted affirmative action for women empowerment.

And here we would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1- we recommend Botswana to use temporary special measures to achieve substantive equality for women
- 2- To continue reviewing and reforming Government programs, as needed, to ensure that they do not discriminate against particular groups.