



**UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**On the occasion of the Universal Periodic Review of Botswana  
15<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Statement by: Delegation of Uganda**

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Madam President

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Seretse

The Ugandan delegation congratulates the Government of Botswana for fulfilling its obligations and presenting a comprehensive report on the second Universal Periodic Review Process. We thank ~~Hon. Seretse D.N.~~ the Minister of Defence, Justice and Security for his succinct introduction of the UPR report and for the informative updates. We particularly note with appreciation the inclusive nature of the process. We further take note of Botswana's impressive achievements in the following programmes:

- The provision of ARV to Refugees, which is an important activity the Government has undertaken. The development and implementation of robust awareness campaigns for the refugee community that we believe will go a long way to helping the refugees confront the challenges of HIV/AIDS.
- The mainstreaming of Human rights issues into the education curriculum to provide young people with a broad based education.

Finally, Uganda recommends that Botswana continues its engagement with improving the rights of refugees and urges the international community to heed the call made for support in the areas mentioned in the report.

Thank you.