

**Statement by Botswana (Charles Masole – DPR) during the  
Review of Bangladesh at the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR**

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1. Botswana welcomes the Delegation of Bangladesh and thanks them for the comprehensive national report.
2. We commend Bangladesh for her efforts in implementing the recommendations from the first review.
3. In its pursuit towards follow-up and implementation of commitments from First UPR, the Government of Bangladesh has outlined a series of commendable initiatives, including the National Human Rights Commission Act of 2009, the Domestic Violence Act of 2010, the Prevention of Money Laundering of 2012 and the Human Trafficking Prevention and Control Act of 2012.
4. Bangladesh has made significant progress in the promotion and protection of human rights against many challenges, including resource constraints. We therefore encourage the international community to lend its support in this regard.
5. To this end, Botswana wishes to make the following two (2) recommendations for the kind consideration by Bangladesh:

i) That Bangladesh continues to negotiate with the donors with a view to bridge the gap between national priorities and donor policies.

ii) That Bangladesh continues to pursue its policy of eliminating corruption through, among others, the National Integrity Strategy adopted in 2012.

6. May I also take this opportunity to express our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the people of Bangladesh for the tragedy that befell their nation last week and left hundreds dead.

7. Our prayers and thoughts are particularly with the bereaved families and those still recovering in the hospitals. We wish the people of Bangladesh well as they struggle to pull out of the tragedy to carry on with their lives.

I thank you, Mr. President.