

**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA'S AMBASSADOR DURING THE  
REVIEW OF CAMEROON AT THE 16<sup>TH</sup> UPR SESSION**

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**Mr. President,**

1. Botswana welcomes the Delegation of Cameroon and thanks them for the comprehensive national report.
2. Cameroon should be commended for her efforts in the re-organization of the Government to ensure sound monitoring of human rights issues. Some notable initiatives in this regard include the setting up of institutions like the Inter-ministerial Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of Recommendations and/or Decisions Arising from Regional and International Mechanisms for Human Rights Promotion and Protection.
3. Furthermore, we recognize the adoption of the Growth and Employment Strategy Paper in 2010, and the process of validating the National Action Plan for Human Rights in November 2012, as some of the key steps towards a concrete approach in guaranteeing the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.
4. Botswana wishes to make the following two (2) recommendations for the kind consideration by Cameroon:

- i) Consider ratifying Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
- ii) Continue to find effective measures to address concerns expressed by a number of treaty bodies, including the CRC, CEDAW and ILO Committee of Experts, regarding trafficking and exploitation of women and children for commercial purposes.

I thank you, Mr. President!