

**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR OF BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW
OF DJIBOUTI AT THE 16TH SESSION OF THE UPR**

(25 April 2013, Geneva)

1. Mr. President, Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of Djibouti, and wishes to thank them for their comprehensive report.
2. We commend the Government of Djibouti for its efforts in implementing the recommendations from the first UPR cycle.
3. Botswana welcomes the many institutional and policy reforms in the area of human rights in Djibouti. These include the National Strategic Action Plan for Children; the National Gender Policy; and specialised courts such as the administrative court and the juvenile court, among others.
4. We **recommend** that Djibouti should continue its efforts to seek assistance from the international community for capacity-building and technical assistance in the area of human rights, especially in the strengthening of its National Human Rights Commission.

I thank you, Mr. President!