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**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE  
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AT THE 17<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

*(25 October 2013, Geneva)*

1. **Mr. President,** Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of the Central African Republic (CAR), to their second UPR.
2. We commend the Government of the CAR for efforts made in the implementation of recommendations made at their first review.
3. We applaud the Government for its efforts to put in place a number of measures guaranteeing the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms in spite of the country's two decades of political and economic challenges.
4. We encourage the Government to continue supporting efforts by the international community towards restoration of peace and security in the country. We also call on all parties to refrain from any acts of violence against civilians and to respect human rights.
5. The maintenance of law and order plays an important role in the enjoyment of human rights in any country.
6. Botswana makes the following two recommendations:

- a) Ensure effective implementation of the Libreville Peace Agreements, and put an end to the prevailing insecurity and violence in the country;
  - b) Speed up the ammendment of the Criminal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Code of Military Justice to effectively deal with human rights violations.
7. We wish the CAR success in their review and adoption of their report.

I thank you!