

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

*(29 October 2013, Geneva)*

1. **Mr. President,** Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of Chad to their second UPR.
  
2. We commend Chad for ratification of many international and regional human rights instruments since its last review. These include Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the CRC Optional Protocols and the Kampala Convention on Internally Displaced Persons, among others.
  
3. The legislative and institutional reforms in the area of human rights are also indicative of Chad's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. These include the creation of the Office of the Ombudsman, the inter-ministerial follow-up committee on international legal instruments, and the National Committee for Political Dialogue.
  
4. We encourage the Government to continue its efforts in implementing the National Development Plan 2013-2015, as well as the second integrated national plan of action (2012-2015) to combat the worst forms of child labour, trafficking and exploitation.

5. We also encourage Chad to strengthen measures aimed at protecting journalists and media workers, as well as ensuring freedom of association and peaceful assembly.

6. Botswana wishes to make the following two recommendations:

- i) Continue strengthening measures aimed at addressing impunity for sexual and gender-based violence, including expediting the adoption of the national gender policy and the national strategy to combat gender-based violence; and
- ii) Continue efforts towards strengthening the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to ensure its effective functioning, including the development of a national plan action for human rights.

7. Finally, we wish Chad a successful review and adoption of their report.

I thank you!