

**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF
MALAYSIA AT THE 17TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL
PERIODIC REVIEW**

(24 October 2013, Geneva)

1. **Mr. President,** Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of Malaysia to their second UPR.

2. We commend Malaysia for her efforts in implementing many of the recommendations from the first review.

3. We note with appreciation on-going work towards accession to the remaining six core international human rights treaties, including the ICCPR, CAT and ICERD, and the decision to formulate a National Human Rights Action Plan. In this connection, the Rome Statute of the ICC would be a welcome addition.

4. Botswana is also pleased with Malaysia's efforts in the fight against corruption as shown by the establishment of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, and the adoption of the Whistleblower Protection Act 2010.

5. The 2012 decision to abolish school fees for primary and secondary schools is a welcome development for universal access to education. In this context, we encourage more efforts with respect to children of marginalized groups.

6. Botswana is concerned by reports of ill-treatment, torture and deaths in detention facilities.

7. We make the following two recommendations:

i) Strengthen measures to prevent and eliminate all forms of ill-treatment, including torture; and

ii) Consider ratification of the Rome Statute of the ICC.

8. In conclusion, we wish Malaysia success in their review and adoption of their UPR report.

I thank you!