

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

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1. **Mr. President,** Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of Nigeria to their second UPR.
2. We commend Nigeria for fulfilling most of the voluntary commitments they made at the first review. These include, the strengthening of the National Human Rights Commission and accession to several human rights instruments such as the CRC Optional Protocols on children.
3. We note with appreciation efforts made in combating religious intolerance.
4. In the health sector, we note measures taken, and in particular in the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic. However, it is clear that challenges remain, such as orphaned children.
5. Botswana makes the following two recommendations for consideration by Nigeria:

- i) Strengthen policies towards provision of care and support to children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, particularly those orphaned; and
 - ii) Continue putting in place measures to prevent and eliminate racism as well as religious intolerance and hatred.
6. In conclusion, we wish Nigeria success in their review and adoption of their UPR report.

I thank you!