

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

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1. **Mr. President,** Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of Senegal to their second UPR.
  
2. The efforts made by Senegal in the implementation of recommendations made at its first review are indeed commendable.
  
3. In this connection, the implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy; the guaranteeing of universal access to health services; as well as the legislative and regulatory measures undertaken to promote and protect human rights, such as measures on gender parity and combating trafficking of women and children, are some of the efforts worth noting.
  
4. While acknowledging progress made in combating human trafficking, we encourage Senegal to heed the request of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children to amend its Criminal Code to effectively deal with the trafficking and sale of children.
  
5. In this context, we make the following two recommendations:

- a. Incorporate clear definitions of “sale of children” and “trafficking in children” in the Criminal Code and Anti-trafficking Act respectively, and specify the penalties for offenders, under the Criminal Code, in accordance with the Palermo Protocol; and
  - b. Finalize the drafting and adoption of the Children’s Code.
6. Finally, we recognise Senegal’s commitment to the human rights agenda.

I thank you!