

**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF NEW  
ZEALAND AT THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL  
PERIODIC REVIEW**

*(27 January 2014, Geneva)*

1. **Mr. President,** Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of New Zealand to their second UPR, led by the Minister of Justice and Ethnic Affairs.

2. We commend New Zealand for her efforts in implementing many of the recommendations from the first review. It is notable that since her review in 2009, New Zealand has provided responses to fifty-six (56) recommendations made to her. This is a clear indication of her commitment to the UPR process as well as for the promotion and protection of human rights.

3. We note with appreciation efforts being made towards addressing socio-economic disparities or inequalities, racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and violence against women.

4. Botswana is also pleased with New Zealand's efforts in the Administration of justice and the rule of law. The provision of legal aid through the Legal Services Act of 2011, amended in 2013, which provides legal services to people of insufficient means and in greater need for legal assistance is commendable. Altogether, New Zealand's record is that of a democracy.

5. This as it may, there remain areas and challenges that require sustained action. We are confident that New Zealand will continue to do her best in addressing them.

6. We make two recommendations for New Zealand's considerations:

- i) develop a comprehensive legislative framework for addressing the problem of racial discrimination, and incitement to racial hatred as recommended by CERD,
- ii) take appropriate additional measures to address violence and abuse of women and children.

7. In conclusion, we wish New Zealand success in their review and adoption of their UPR report.

I thank you!