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**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT THE 19<sup>TH</sup>  
SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

*(1 May 2014, Geneva)*

**Mr. President,**

1. Botswana welcomes the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to their second UPR. We thank them for the additional information given today.
2. We thank the DPRK for participating in this second review as part of her effort to promote and protect human rights. We commend them for efforts made in implementing recommendations made at their last review.
3. We note with satisfaction the number of human rights-related legislative measures undertaken by the DPRK since 2009. Among them are laws that seek to promote and protect the rights of women, children, as well as those relating to health and education.
4. However, Botswana remains concerned at reports of widespread violations of economic, civil and political rights. These include torture, arbitrary detention, absences of rule of law and independence of the judiciary, absence of freedom of expression and related rights, restrictions on freedom of movement, enforced disappearances, and denial of the right to food. Reports show

that many of the violations may amount to crimes against humanity.

5. There are also reports of non-cooperation with special procedures of the Council and the High Commissioner. We encourage the Government of the DPRK to fully cooperate with the UN mechanisms.

6. We make the following two recommendations:

- (i) take measures to combat the use of torture and related acts,
- (ii) end restrictions on the right to freedom of expression and related rights, as well as movement.

I thank you!