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**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF ANGOLA
AT THE 20TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

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1. **Mr. President,** Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of Angola to their second UPR and we thank them for the informative and comprehensive national report.

2. Botswana notes with appreciation legislative and policy measures undertaken by Angola since their last review. In particular, we applaud them for the approval of the Constitution of Angola in February 2010 that ensures full promotion and protection of individuals and their rights. Moreover, the judicial reforms that seek to protect the rights of children and women against trafficking and violence are commendable.

3. We also note that Angola adopted measures to prevent and combat corruption. The ratification of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and the approval of the law on Money-Laundering among others, is testimony to the Country's commitment.

4. We note some challenges in the area of child abuse and neglect in all its forms, and the lack of specific legislation to protect children.

5. We recommend that Angola:

(i) adopt a law, in line with the Convention on the rights the Child (CRC) that criminalises all forms of violence against children.

(ii) consider ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

6. In conclusion, we wish Angola success in their review and adoption of their UPR report.

I thank you!