

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

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1. **Mr. President,** Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of Egypt to their second UPR.
2. We commend Egypt for her commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. We applaud them for their determination to build a stable democracy committed to the rule of law, the enjoyment of fundamental rights and freedoms and the country's return to its previous glory.
3. Progress made in various areas including advancement of rights of women, trafficking in persons and a planned broad sweep of legislative changes is commendable. Financial support to the OHCHR is very much appreciated.
4. We note concerns expressed by the High Commissioner and Special Procedures mandate holders on a range of civil and political rights including freedom of peaceful assembly, attacks on human rights defenders, discrimination and violence against women. These require attention.
5. We recommend the following:
 - a) strengthen legislative and administrative measures on discrimination and violence against women; and

b) investigate allegations of torture and ensure access to effective remedy for victims.

6. We wish Egypt a successful review and adoption of their UPR report.

I thank you!