

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

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Mr. President

1. Botswana warmly welcomes the Delegation of Madagascar to their second UPR. We thank them for their comprehensive national report.
2. We commend Madagascar for their commitment to democracy and rule of law. We applaud them for having attained constitutional order and democracy following political and economic disturbances in that country. These are necessary conditions that ensure enjoyment of human rights and civil liberties by any people.
3. Botswana notes with appreciation normative and constitutional measures undertaken by Madagascar in the protection and promotion of human rights. Commendable are measures taken to protect the rights of women; provision of health care; and free primary education to children.
4. We note however reports of trafficking in persons for purposes of domestic servitude and sexual exploitation. We also note reports of political prisoners and individuals being detained

without trial, in poor detention conditions and without access to health care and food.

5. Botswana recommends that Madagascar strengthen existing legislation on sexual exploitation and human trafficking, and ensure its full implementation.

6. We also recommend that Madagascar ensure compliance with the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and guarantee all detainees access to a fair and equitable trial within a reasonable time frame.

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

I thank you!