

**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE 22ND SESSION OF THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

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Mr. President,

1. Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of the United States to their second UPR. We thank them for the presentation of their national report.

2. We commend the United States for measures taken to address issues relating to civil rights, discrimination and the administration of justice. We encourage them to do more in addressing racial discrimination in all its forms, including guaranteeing individuals the right to participate in public and political life.

3. We note concerns by treaty bodies on violence against women and the excessive use of force by law enforcement officials against individuals of racial and ethnic minorities. We recommend that the United States;

- a) undertake additional measures to address the disproportionate impact of violence on poor, minorities and immigrant women;
- b) ratify the Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and ensure its full implementation.

4. We wish the United States a successful review and adoption of their UPR report.