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STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF SEYCHELLES AT THE 24TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

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1. **Mr. President,** Botswana welcomes the delegation of Seychelles to their second UPR. We thank them for the presentation of their comprehensive national report.
2. We note with appreciation Seychelles efforts in implementing many recommendations accepted at their last review. Notable are policies aimed at addressing trafficking in persons, gender based violence, education, food security, and the administration of justice.
3. We applaud measures taken towards preventing and eliminating all forms of violence against women, particularly the implementation of the National Action Plan for Gender Based Violence 2011-2015.
4. Botswana also welcomes establishment of the Police Child Protection Team. However, we will appreciate more information as to how the team operates and whether it has far registered significant achievements in the protection of children's rights.