

**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF GREECE  
AT THE 25<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

*(3 May 2016, Geneva)*

1. **Mr. President,** Botswana welcomes the delegation of Greece to their second UPR. We thank them for their comprehensive report.

2. We acknowledge Greece's commitment to the implementation of recommendations raised in the first cycle of the UPR, despite the severe economic crisis.

3. We welcome the establishment of a number of national plans, including the first National Action Plan on Human Rights and National Board against Racism and Intolerance, which show Greece's efforts in addressing human rights issues.

In noting the surge of racist violence, we commend Greece's efforts in dealing with this through the 2014 law strengthening the country's anti-racism legislation and creation of the Racist Violence Recording Network which documents racist incidents.

4. We note reports of ill treatment of children, including unaccompanied minors and children with disabilities that are housed in centers. We are also concerned that the office responsible for handling instances of abuses by law enforcers is not operational.

5. Botswana therefore makes the following two recommendations to Greece:

- a) Finalise and implement a National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child as a matter of priority; in the meantime, put measures in place to protect those who are vulnerable such as unaccompanied children and children with disabilities;
- b) Staff and operationalise the office established for handling alleged instances of abuses of law enforcers in order to address all alleged attacks and reports of ill treatment.

6. We wish Greece a successful review outcome.

I thank you, Mr. President!