

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

*(4 May 2016, Geneva)*

1. **Mr. President,** Botswana welcomes the delegation of the Hungary to the UPR process. We thank them for their comprehensive national report.
2. We note with appreciation normative and policy frameworks adopted since the last review. Notable is the adoption of a new and progressive Constitution; and measures taken to combat domestic violence, and human trafficking.
3. We are however concerned about reports of continued discrimination and ill treatment of women belonging to national minorities and non-citizens by law enforcement officials. Reports of continued trafficking of women and girls for sexual exploitation are also worrisome.
4. We note positive developments in the juvenile justice system. The mandatory presence of a defence counsel for children is commendable. However, we are concerned about the suspension of juvenile courts and the lowered age of criminal responsibility from 14 to 12 years for a number of offences.
5. Botswana recommends the following to Hungary:

a) Adopt measures to comply with provisions of the new Constitution including on combating discrimination and ensuring equal participation in political and public affairs by all citizens;

b) Reinstate juvenile courts and raise the age of criminal responsibility to 14 years, for all crimes, in line with international standards.

6. We wish Hungary a successful review outcome.

I thank you, Mr. President!