

**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE  
SUDAN 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 Sudan to the UPR process. We thank them for the presentation of their national report.

2. We commend the Sudan for the legislative, policy and institutional measures taken since their last review to comply with recommendations made in order to improve the human rights situation. We particularly commend the adoption of laws and policies aimed at addressing trafficking of persons, corruption, protection of children, and the empowerment of women.

3. We are however, concerned about the continued armed conflict and the lack of accountability for crimes committed during the conflict. We are also concerned about the lack of progress in the adoption of a Constitution which is fundamental in ensuring the full enjoyment of human rights, in particular, civil and political rights by the Sudanese people.

4. Botswana recommends the following to the Sudan:

- a) Expedite the adoption of a Constitution and ensure that all national laws are in conformity with international human rights law;

b) Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

5. We wish the Sudan a successful review outcome.

I thank you, Mr. President!