**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF TANZANIA AT THE 25TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

1. *May 2016, Geneva)*
2. **Mr. President,** Botswana welcomes the delegation of Tanzania to their second UPR. We thank them for the presentation of their comprehensive report.
3. We welcome Tanzania’s enactment of various legislation in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the Children’s Act, the Disaster Management Act and the Public Service Act. We acknowledge in particular the initiative to adopt a National Human Rights Action Plan.
4. We applaud the successful Constitutional review process and in this regard wish to ask Tanzania, when they expect to hold the referendum to approve the proposed Constitution?
5. While progress has been made, some challenges still remain. Even with the enactment of the Children’s Act, Tanzania needs to do more to address children’s rights, particularly the girl child and children with albinism.
6. Botswana therefore makes the following two recommendations to Tanzania:
7. Prevent child marriage by increasing minimum age restriction of marriage to 18 for girls so as to have the same age restriction for both genders.
8. Step up efforts to combat killings of people with albinism, particularly children, including through strengthening laws and awareness raising campaigns on rights of people with albinism.
9. We wish Tanzania a successful review outcome.

I thank you, Mr. President!