**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA**

**DURING THE REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AT THE 44TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

(09th November 2023, Geneva)

**Mr. President,**

1. Botswana welcomes the distinguished delegation of The Federal Republic of Germany to the 4th UPR cycle, and thank them for their comprehensive report and presentation.
2. We commend Germany for the positive developments achieved since their last review, notably, the adoption of a common comprehensive strategy for gender equality in 2020, which inter alia intends to address a degree of gender-based segregation in the labour market and differences in remuneration that still persist between men and women.
3. In spite of the positive developments noted, Botswana wishes to make the following recommendations which we hope Germany find constructive for consideration by Germany:
	1. To bolster efforts to ensure that persons living with disabilities are not disadvantaged in the education system and in the labour market.
	2. To continue the commendable efforts of providing education on human rights in schools which involves encouraging and assisting pupils to be aware of their own rights and to stand up for the rights of others.

Botswana wishes Germany every success with the implementation of the recommendations emanating from this review.

**I thank you, Mr. President**