**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA**

**DURING THE REVIEW OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AT THE 44TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

(13th November 2023, Geneva)

**Mr. President,**

1. Botswana welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Russian Federation to the 4th UPR cycle, and thanks them for their comprehensive report and presentation.
2. We note with appreciation that the Russian Federation has supported both Botswana`s recommendations during the last UPR cycle and in that regard, commend them for the positive developments achieved since then.
3. In order to further enhance the enjoyment of human rights, Botswana recommends that the Russian Federation;
   1. Provides lifelong education for children with disabilities so as to facilitate their integration into professional retraining programs.
   2. Develops child-friendly reporting mechanisms to ensure that child victims of violence are able to report as well as be granted protection and redress.

Botswana wishes the Russian Federation a successful UPR outcome.

**I thank you, Mr. President**