**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE AT THE 46TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP**

*(30th April 2024, Geneva)*

**Mr President,**

1. We welcome the delegation of the Republic of Chile to the fourth cycle of the UPR process and thank them for their national report.
2. Botswana notes with appreciation that Chile supported both our recommendations during their last review which were on ensuring that violations by law enforcement authorities are investigated and prosecuted; and on the adoption of a comprehensive definition of discrimination against women in accordance with the article 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
3. We welcome Chile’s cooperation with UN human rights mechanisms and bodies which include submission of reports and reviews by CEDAW, CAT and the Human Rights Committee, among others. We encourage Chile to continue her cooperation with these bodies as well as with special procedures.
4. Botswana notes that out of more than three thousand complaints filed for torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment related to the State’s response to the 2019 protests by the National Human Rights Institute, only 81 had been officially investigated and 32 had received a final judgement. In that regard, Botswana recommends that Chile:
	1. Expedites the investigation of all reported cases of torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice; and,
	2. Allocates sufficient financial and human resources for the implementation of the second National Human Rights Plan (2022–2025).

We wish Chile a successful UPR outcome.

**I thank you, Mr President**