**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF COSTA RICA AT THE 47TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP**

*(11th November 2024, Geneva)*

**Mr President,**

1. We welcome the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica to the fourth cycle of the UPR process and thank them for their comprehensive national report.
2. Botswana notes with appreciation that Costa Rica accepted most of the recommendations submitted during their last review. We hope that the implementation of the accepted recommendations will contribute to the full enjoyment human rights Costa Rica.
3. Botswana welcomes the development of the national strategy for the prevention of hate speech, and encourage Costa Rica to allocate adequate financial and human resources for the implementation of strategy. However, we note with concern reports of xenophobic attacks and other hate crimes against immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees. In that regard, Botswana recommends that Costa Rica:
   1. Investigates all reported cases of xenophobic attacks and other hate crimes and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice; and,
   2. Expedites the adoption of the draft framework law to prevent and punish all forms of discrimination, racism and intolerance.

We wish Costa Rica a successful UPR outcome.

**I thank you, Mr President.**