**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE 3RD REVIEW OF THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA AT THE 37TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)**

(26th January 2021, Geneva)

**Your Excellency,**

1. Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Georgia to the third cycle of the UPR process. We thank the delegation for their comprehensive national report.
2. We commend Georgia’s continued cooperation with special procedures and other UN human rights mechanisms and monitoring bodies, who periodically request to visit the country. We encourage continued cooperation with these mechanisms.
3. Botswana recommends that Georgia:
4. To investigate reports of physical attacks against members of ethnic and religious minorities and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.
	1. Allocates adequate resources to national institutions in charge of monitoring and implementing laws against all forms of discrimination.
5. We wish Georgia a successful review outcome.

**I thank you.**