**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE 3RD REVIEW OF REPUBLIC OF SINGAPOE AT THE 38TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)**

 (12 May 2021, Geneva)

1. Madam President, Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Singapore to the third cycle of the UPR process and thank them for a comprehensive report.
2. We commend Singapore for implementing many recommendations, including those related to women’s rights and improvements in access to social services, education, health care and housing amongst others.
3. To address remaining challenges, Botswana recommends the following:
	1. Strengthen measures against trafficking, including investigating and identifying child victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking, and ensuring that perpetrators are brought to justice; and,
	2. Formulate and implement effective policies geared towards reducing the gender pay gap with a view to ensuring equal pay for all.

We wish Singapore a successful review outcome.

I thank you, Madam President