**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF REPUBLIC OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN AT THE 41ST SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)**

 (07th November 2022, Geneva)

1. Mr. President, Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the fourth cycle of the UPR process. We thank the delegation for their comprehensive national report.
2. We note with appreciation that both our recommendations enjoyed the support of Bahrain during the last UPR cycle, and we encourage the implementation of these recommendations which are; to take necessary measures to guarantee the enjoyment of all fundamental freedoms, including the participation in political and public affairs by all; and to finalize the draft law amending certain provisions of the 1963 citizenship act to enable Bahraini women married to non-Bahraini men to confer their nationality on their children without any conditions.
3. Botswana recommends that the Kingdom of Bahrain: in order to further consolidate the enjoyment of human rights;
	1. Ratifies the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and
	2. Expedite the formulation of a national plan to consolidate the values and principles of religious tolerance and peaceful coexistence among all religions to enhance national unity.

We wish the Bahrain a successful review outcome.

**I thank you, Mr. President**