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**UPR 4th Cycle – The Republic** **of Botswana**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Botswana.

Montenegro recognizes actions taken to strengthen legal framework, including the initiated constitutional review process.

We also welcome Botswana’s accession to the Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and encourage the country to consider accession and ratification of other core human rights instruments.

Montenegro recommends to Botswana:

* To amend the Domestic Violence Act to bring it into line with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the CEDAW’s general recommendations;
* To develop a national policy and plan of action to support children in street situations;
* To consider commuting all death sentences and taking steps aimed at the abolition of the death penalty;

Montenegro wishes the Botswana a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.