

**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF BOTSWANA**

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**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the delegation of Botswana to the fourth cycle of the UPR and thanks them for the presentation of their national report and update.

We are happy to note that Botswana has implemented more than half of the recommendations she accepted during the third cycle.

In the spirit of a constructive engagement, Zambia wishes to recommend the following for consideration by the delegation of Botswana:

1. Adopt quotas to advance political participation of women and increase economic empowerment of women to facilitate their participation in politics.
2. Increase accessibility of various programmes on youth empowerment which aim to eradicate poverty and ensure that the implementation such programmes is supported by monitoring, accountability and sustainability.

We wish to conclude by wishing Botswana a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.