**43rd Session o the Universal Periodic Review Working Group**

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**UPR of Botswana**

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Thank you Mr. President

Fiji welcomes the delegation of Botswana thanks it for the presentation of the National Report and for its submission of a Mid-term report in 2020.

Botswana’s commitment to the UPR mechanism, the process through which the drafting of its national report was coordinated and finalized, as well as the process through which it promotes meaningful engagement with CSOs, NGOs and various stakeholders on human rights issues at the national level, is commendable.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Fiji offers the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen efforts to address sexual and gender based violence, including efforts to prevent violence, support survivors, as well as by removing obstacles that prevent access to justice.
2. Strengthen resource allocations to develop and maintain an enabling environment, especially for adolescents and young people, to access sexual and reproductive health services and information.

We wish the delegation a successful review.

Thank you.

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