**43rd Session of the UPR working group**

 **Recommendations by Finland to Botswana**

**3rd May 2023**

Mr. President,

Finland welcomes the engagement of Botswana in the UPR process. Finland commends the improvement of the rights of LGBTQI persons, including by decriminalizing same-sex consensual relations, since the previous UPR. Finland recommends:

1. Firstly, to take all appropriate measures to ensure children’s equal access to quality education, including, when possible, education in their own language,
2. Secondly, to abolish all forms of corporal punishment against children, including within school settings,
3. Thirdly, to address and combat all forms of sexual and gender-based violence and discrimination, including by criminalizing marital rape.

I thank you.