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**(Geneva, 1-12.5.2023)**

**Review of Botswana**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Greece warmly welcomes the delegation of Botswana to the 4th UPR cycle.

We commend progress achieved since the last review.

We welcome the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We also appreciate the mandate extension of the Office of the Ombudsman according to the Paris Principles.

Greece recommends that Botswana:

1) Enhance measures to ensure that victims of domestic violence have access to shelters and adequate support services;

2) Increase its efforts to eliminate all forms of child labour and child trafficking, especially in rural areas;

3) Ensure accessible, confidential and child-friendly reporting channels for cases of sexual exploitation and abuse of children and provide victims with adequate remedies and support.

We wish the delegation of Botswana a successful UPR review.

Thank you