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**43rd session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Botswana**

*(3 May 2023)*

**Intervention by Ukraine**

 *(Speaking time: 1 min. 5 sec.)*

**Mr Vice President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Botswana and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

Ukraine positively notes the developments of Botswana since the last review and commends the country’s commitments to improvement of the legal and institutional frameworks geared towards compliance with international human rights instruments.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we **recommend** Botswana to make further progress and:

* to consider establishment of an official moratorium on the death penalty as a first step to its full abolition and to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
* to strengthen measures aimed at eradication of all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls;
* to ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We wish the delegation of Botswana a very successful review.

**I thank you.**