

**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

Universal Periodic Review

Botswana

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Thank you, President/ Vice-President,

Timor-Leste congratulates Botswana for the progress made on human rights since its last UPR, including progress in extending the mandate of the Office of Ombudsman, in order to allow it to function as a national human rights institution.

We also welcome the progress made in the development of the Draft Comprehensive Human Rights Strategy and National Action Plan, and its consequent expected implementation in the year 2023/2024.

 In a constructive spirit, my delegation recommends the Kingdom of Botswana to:

1. Ensure the rights to freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of peaceful assembly, and freedom of association.
2. Consider introducing a moratorium on the death penalty with the view to abolishing it.
3. Ensure the prompt operationalization of the mandate of the Office of Ombudsman as a national human rights institution.

We wish the esteemed delegation of Botswana a successful review.

Thank you.