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**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Botswana**

**January 17, 2018**

**Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

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

We acknowledge Botswana’s progressive efforts aimed at implementing recommendations from the previous UPR cycle.

A vivid cooperation with the civil society reflected in the National report is noteworthy and we would like to encourage the Government to continue this process as it is potentially benefitting for all in overcoming existing challenges.

Our **recommendations**:

- to renew the work towards holding a public national discussion on the death penalty;

- to maintain Government’s programmes on combating HIV/AIDS with the support of the World Health Organization and other international partners;

-  to intensify efforts aimed at establishing a National Human Rights Institution in line with Paris Principles;

- to issue an open standing invitation to the HRC special procedures.

**Thank you.**