**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE REVIEW OF PORTUGAL AT THE 33rd SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW.**

(8 May 2019, Geneva)

1. Mr. President, Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of Portugal to the third cycle of the UPR process. We thank the delegation for a comprehensive national report.
2. Botswana wishes to commend Portugal for adopting several comprehensive Human Rights policy instruments, especially the National Strategy for Equality and Non-Discrimination “Portugal + Equal” (2018–2030).
3. Botswana also commends Portugal for ratifying international instruments that seek to promote and protect human rights such as the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
4. While noting efforts by Portugal against hate speech, racism, xenophobia and intolerance, we make the following two recommendations:

* **Address all forms of discrimination against persons of African descent.**
* **Endeavour to adopt a comprehensive strategy to implement measures to eliminate discriminatory gender stereotypes.**

1. We wish the Portugal a successful review outcome**.**

**I thank you**, **Mr. President**.