**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA DURING THE 3RD REVIEW OF REPUBLIC OF JAMAICA AT THE 36TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)**

(2nd – 13th November 2020, Geneva)

1. Mr. President, Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Jamaica to the third cycle of the UPR process. We thank the delegation for the presentation of their comprehensive national report.
2. We note that our recommendation made during the last UPR for Jamaica to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and accede to the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court has been well received.
3. We commend Jamaica for the consistent up-to-date reporting on its commitments under various human rights treaties and other UN treaty bodies as indicated in their national report. We encourage continued compliance with these obligations.
4. Despite resource constraints, Botswana recommends that Jamaica:
	1. Provides island-wide access to safe spaces for victims of Gender-Based Violence especially to women and children by allocating adequate resources to increase the number of institutions that provide support and shelters for victims of Gender Based Violence, and
	2. Undertakes a holistic review of her legislation with a view to eliminating or reforming laws that preserve different forms of direct or indirect discrimination against women.

We wish Jamaica a successful review outcome.

I thank you, Mr. President