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

(2nd – 13th November 2020, Geneva)

1. Madam President, Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Malawi to the third cycle of the UPR process. We thank the delegation for the presentation of their comprehensive national report.
2. During the second review, we recommended that Malawi develops and implements a comprehensive strategy and judicial reforms to effectively reduce the backlog of cases. We take note of the partial implementation of this recommendation and encourage its full implementation. We further take note of other numerous recommendations implemented since the second UPR despite the many challenges encountered.
3. Notwithstanding resource constraints, we recommend that Malawi should:
   1. Ensure implementation of laws and policies aimed at protecting the rights of children with albinism and to reinforce measures aimed at addressing discrimination, stigmatisation and social exclusion of persons with albinism.
   2. Continue allocating resources towards strengthening measures aimed against all forms of discrimination against women, children and people with disabilities

We wish Malawi a successful review outcome.

I thank you, Madam President