



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia

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Mr President,

Slovenia wishes to thank the distinguished delegation of Botswana for their national report, its presentation today and expressed commitments to the UPR process.

We would like to begin our intervention by commending Government of Botswana for undertaking several legislative measures, aimed at prohibiting and eliminating all forms of harmful practices. At the same time we regret that the Government has yet to allocate sufficient funding for implementation of the National Plan of Action (NPA) for All Children, especially for children in remote areas and with little monitoring.

My country welcomes Botswana's efforts in promotion of gender equality, especially role of women in decision-making and social protection, as well as with establishment of the Women's Economic Empowerment Fund that benefits all women including those living in rural areas.

We furthermore commend the adoption of National Policy on Gender and Development, and the establishment of National Gender Commission (2016) tasked to monitor implementation of relevant policies.

My government would like to make the following two recommendations:

- 1) Continue conducting the situational analysis on the National Plan of Action for Orphans and vulnerable Children,
- 2) Continue with efforts in the field of gender equality, especially by removing loopholes in national legislation and by encouraging participation of women in economy and politics.

We would like to end our intervention by stressing our appreciation for the important work Botswana has done internally, among other by strengthening Women's Affairs Department at the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs, which now has authority and decision-making power to further enhance rights of women. At the same time we would like to thank Botswana for their contribution to the work of the United Nations.

Thank you.