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Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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1. Botswana was reviewed at the fifth meeting of the forty-third session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group, on 3rd May 2023.
2. During the review, Botswana received 296 recommendations, which are reflected in the Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (Report).¹
3. Botswana deferred taking a position on all recommendations, for examination in consultation with relevant local stakeholders.
4. This document which serves as an addendum to the Report therefore conveys Botswana's position on the recommendations received.
5. Of the 296 recommendations received, 206 recommendations enjoy the support of Botswana, 5 recommendations are supported in part and noted in part, and 85 recommendations are noted.
6. The recommendations in the following paragraphs of the Report enjoy the support of Botswana:

137.1, 137.2, 137.12, 137.13, 137.14, 137.18, 137.19, 137.21, 137.22, 137.29, 137.31, 137.36, 137.52, 137.53, 137.54, 137.55, 137.56, 137.57, 137.58, 137.61, 137.62, 137.64, 137.65, 137.67, 137.68, 137.69, 137.70, 137.71, 137.72, 137.73, 137.74, 137.75, 137.76, 137.77, 137.78, 137.79, 137.80, 137.81, 137.82, 137.83, 137.84, 137.85, 137.86, 137.87, 137.88, 137.89, 137.90, 137.91, 137.92, 137.93, 137.94, 137.95, 137.96, 137.97, 137.98, 137.99, 137.100, 137.101, 137.102, 137.128, 137.129, 137.131, 137.132, 137.133, 137.134, 137.135, 137.136, 137.137, 137.138, 137.139, 137.140, 137.142, 137.143, 137.144, 137.145, 137.146, 137.147, 137.148, 137.149, 137.150, 137.151, 137.152, 137.153, 137.154, 137.156, 137.158, 137.159, 137.160, 137.161, 137.162, 137.163, 137.164, 137.165, 137.166, 137.167, 137.168, 137.169, 137.170, 137.171, 137.172, 137.173, 137.174, 137.175, 137.176, 137.177, 137.178, 137.179, 137.180, 137.181, 137.182, 137.183, 137.185, 137.186, 137.187, 137.188, 137.189, 137.190, 137.192, 137.193, 137.194, 137.195, 137.196, 137.197, 137.198, 137.199, 137.200, 137.201, 137.202, 137.203, 137.204, 137.205, 137.206, 137.207, 137.208, 137.209, 137.210, 137.211, 137.212, 137.213, 137.214, 137.215, 137.216, 137.217, 137.218, 137.219, 137.220, 137.221, 137.222, 137.223, 137.225, 137.226, 137.227, 137.228, 137.229, 137.230, 137.231, 137.232, 137.233, 137.234, 137.235, 137.236, 137.237, 137.238, 137.239, 137.240, 137.241, 137.242, 137.243, 137.244, 137.245, 137.247, 137.248, 137.249, 137.250, 137.251, 137.252, 137.253, 137.254, 137.255, 137.257, 137.258, 137.259, 137.260, 137.261, 137.262, 137.263, 137.264, 137.265, 137.266, 137.267, 137.268, 137.271, 137.273, 137.277, 137.278, 137.279, 137.280, 137.281, 137.282, 137.283, 137.290, 137.291, 137.292, 137.293, 137.295, and 137.296.
7. Regarding the recommendation in paragraph 137.29 of the Report, Botswana had reported during the review that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities had already been ratified and therefore considers this recommendation to be partly implemented.
8. The recommendations in the following paragraphs of the Report are noted:

137.3, 137.4, 137.5, 137.6, 137.7, 137.8, 137.9, 137.10, 137.15, 137.16, 137.17, 137.20, 137.23, 137.24, 137.25, 137.26, 137.27, 137.28, 137.30, 137.32, 137.34, 137.35, 137.37, 137.38, 137.40, 137.41, 137.42, 137.43, 137.44, 137.45, 137.46, 137.47, 137.48, 137.49, 137.50, 137.51, 137.59, 137.60, 137.63, 137.66, 137.103, 137.104, 137.105, 137.106, 137.107, 137.108, 137.109, 137.110, 137.111, 137.112, 137.113, 137.114, 137.115, 137.117, 137.118, 137.119, 137.120, 137.121, 137.122, 137.123, 137.124, 137.125, 137.126, 137.127, 137.130, 137.141, 137.155, 137.157, 137.184, 137.191, 137.224, 137.246, 137.269, 137.270, 137.272, 137.274, 137.275, 137.276, 137.284, 137.285, 137.286, 137.287, 137.288, 137.289, and 137.294.
9. The following recommendations are supported in part and noted in part:
 - (a) Regarding the recommendation in paragraph 137.11 of the Report, Botswana:

¹ See A/HRC/54/9, paras. 137.1–137.296.

Notes: that part of the recommendation which reads “Consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty”; and

Supports: that part of the recommendation which reads“ [Consider ratifying] the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance”.

(b) Regarding the recommendation in paragraph 137.33 of the Report, Botswana:

Supports: that part of the recommendation which reads “Consider ratification of the Convention against Discrimination in education and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights”; and

Notes: that part of the recommendation which reads “[consider the ratification of] the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.”

(c) Regarding the recommendation in paragraph 137.39 of the Report, Botswana:

Notes: that part of the recommendation which reads “Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families”; and.

Supports: that part of the recommendation which reads “[consider ratifying] the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

(d) Regarding the recommendation in paragraph 137.116 of the Report, Botswana:

Notes: that part of the recommendation which reads “Abolish the death penalty...”; and

Supports: that part of the recommendation which reads “[c]onsider a regulatory framework on torture in line with relevant international standards and investigate all allegations of torture and ill-treatment.”

(e) Regarding the recommendation in paragraph 137.256 of the Report, that part of the recommendation which reads “repealing the use of corporal punishment” is noted and remaining part of the recommendation enjoys the support of Botswana.
