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Dear Human Beings,
Mister (Vice-)President,
Excellency's,
Dear delegation of Botswana,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear webcasters,

Good afternoon,

We share and progress, together, towards universal fundamental values: human rights.

We also share *fundamental methods*: prevention, precaution, peaceful settlement of disputes, to name a few. Another fundamental method is exemplarity.

Nations States are, among others, the bearers of our essential values. Be it through human rights' development, in the constitutions and through best practices, countries have the duty and the needed means, to be examples, to their populations and further, of their capacity to honor, respect and implement human rights.

In this regard, killing people, even legally, will never be a fair example of respect for the right to life.

Dear Botswanan delegation, you have in the two last cycles of the UPR accepted recommendations to hold a public debate on the death penalty. Yet it is not the people of Botswana who must show the example of respect for the right to life to the government. It is the government who must show that it values life more than killing, so that the people may learn, from their guiding authorities, a better respect for life.

We kindly ask of you that you revise your position and become true promoters and full example of respect for the right to life. Please abolish the death penalty!

May we all share a long and happy life!
Thank you!

Thank you, mister President.