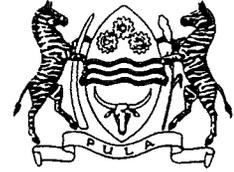


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STATEMENT

BY THE

**HONOURABLE EDWIN JENAMISO BATSHU, MP
MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS
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**ON THE
OCCASION OF THE 57TH SESSION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON**

Chairperson,

1. From the onset, please allow me, on behalf of my
delegation, to sincerely congratulate you and other

7. In this regard, I wish to re-affirm Botswana's commitment to the effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and other related international instruments.

8. There is a sustained effort to review laws that discriminate against women, ~~as well as~~ ~~with~~ ~~regard~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~protection~~ ~~of~~ ~~their~~ ~~rights~~ ~~and~~ ~~interests~~ ~~and~~ ~~to~~ ~~ensure~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~laws~~ ~~are~~ ~~consistent~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~principles~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Convention~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~Elimination~~ ~~of~~ ~~All~~ ~~Forms~~ ~~of~~ ~~Discrimination~~ ~~Against~~ ~~Women~~ ~~(CEDAW)~~ ~~and~~ ~~other~~ ~~related~~ ~~international~~ ~~instruments~~.

13. While Botswana has made significant progress in achieving the goals of her National Vision 2016 and the Millennium Development Goals Targets, the twin problems of violence against women (VAW) and HIV and AIDS remain daunting challenges and serious

18 Training and support is provided on a continuous

28. As a further demonstration of commitment, in 2011, His Excellency the President committed 5% of the Alcohol Levy to increase the existing budgetary allocation for economic empowerment of women.

29. It is anticipated that the support for the establishment of income generation projects by women will impact positively on the prevention of violence against women and girls over time.

30. In conclusion ~~Chairperson~~ permit me once more