



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

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Thank you, Mr President.

As we are taking the floor for the first time, we wish to join other delegations in congratulating you on your appointment as the President of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the UNCTAD Trade and Development.

At the outset, we would like to align with the statement made by **the Philippines** on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the UNCTAD Secretariat for their continued assistance.

Botswana would like to congratulate the UNCTAD Secretariat for the launching of the 2015 World Investment Report, notably the "Roadmap and Action Menu for International Investment Agreements (IIA) Reform". Addressing this issues is of great importance for countries, such as Botswana, wishing to reform their international investment agreement system.

We would also like to recognise with appreciation UNCTAD's on-going assistance in reviewing the Botswana Bilateral Investment Treaty Model. In this context, we commend UNCTAD for its technical assistance and capacity building on issues related to international investment agreements.

Thank you.

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