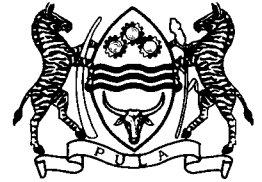


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## **BOTSWANA COUNTRY STATEMENT**

**AT THE 53<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION  
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW)**

**PRESENTED BY  
MRS. SEGAKWENG TSIANE  
PERMANENT SECRETARY  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS**



Chairperson,

1. Allow me to join other delegations that have taken the floor before me in warmly congratulating you and other Members of the Bureau on your well-deserved election to preside over the proceedings of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of this Commission.

2. We are confident that under your wise leadership and guidance, our deliberations will result in the adoption of action-oriented conclusions aimed at advancing the cause of gender equality.

3. I therefore assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation in the

discharge of your mandate.

4. My delegation fully associates itself with the statement eloquently delivered by

the Minister in the Presidency of the Republic of South Africa, Dr. Manto Tshabalala-Msimang on behalf of SADC.

5. As we deliberate in this session, Chairperson, I wish to recall this Commission's clarion call made during its first session in February 1947, and I quote, "to raise the status of women irrespective of nationality, race, language or religion" and to ensure

Act 1998, the Affiliation Proceedings (Amendment) Act 1999, the Public Service  
(Amendment) Act 2000, the Matrimonial Proceedings (Amendment) Act 2000