

STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

Review of Algeria

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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to welcome the Honourable Minister of F.A Mr. Mourad Medeki and his delegation to this Working Group of Universal Periodic Review and welcomes the methodology used in the preparation of their national report, which was based on transparency, objectivity and was a participatory report that had involved all relevant bodies.

Lesotho further congratulates Algeria on successful democratic elections on the 10th May, and encourages the new government to continue to improve the ongoing and progressive realization of human rights through its existing national mechanisms and institutions.

Madam President,

Lesotho delegation further notes with gratification, the substantial progress Algeria has made in adopting a National Strategy for combating violence against women, including efforts towards ensuring the equal participation of both men and women in the political sphere and other walks of life.

Madam President,

Allow me to conclude by expressing Lesotho's appreciation to Honourable Mourad Medeki and the delegation of Algeria for the acknowledgement of the challenges the country is faced with in the strive to ensure practical enjoyment of all human rights for all citizens, and urge the international community to assist authorities in the areas they have identified.

I thank you