

STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
Review of Morocco

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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to welcome the Honourable Minister of Justice and Liberties, Mr. Mustapha Ramid and his delegation to this Working Group of Universal Periodic Review and would like to congratulate them for a very elaborate report. There is no doubt that the Government of Morocco has done a lot in the promotion and protection of human rights for its citizens and continues to do so.

Madam President,

The Lesotho delegation has studied the report with keen interest and welcomes the commendable strides Morocco has made to effectively harmonise their domestic legislation with regional and international human rights instruments. The fact that Morocco has established the National Human Rights Council in accordance with the Paris Principles, and ratified most international human rights instruments is a reflection of the country's commitment towards cooperating with the UN human rights system.

The Lesotho delegation further notes with gratification the measures that Morocco has taken to promote and protect the right to health. That is clearly demonstrated by the adoption of a new strategy and action plan for 2008-2012 entitled "reconciling citizens with their health system."

Lesotho remains confident that the Government of Morocco will uphold its commitment to the promotion and protection of economic, social, cultural and environment rights as enshrined in their constitution.

Madam President,

Allow me to conclude by expressing, once again, Lesotho's appreciation to Honourable Mustapha Ramid and the delegation of Morocco for the constructive and openness with which they participate in the UPR process and Lesotho wishes

Morocco all the best in the implementation of the recommendations that may come out of this review. **I thank you**

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