

STATEMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND ON THE UPR OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO, 22 MAY 2012

1. Swaziland welcomes the delegation of Morocco and commends the transparent and participatory process that led to the compilation of such a comprehensive National Report. Furthermore, the eloquent manner in which the Head of Delegation presented the Report gives a clear indication of the spirit and steadfast commitment of the Government to improve the human rights situation of its citizens.

2. President, Swaziland congratulates Morocco most warmly for the positive developments that have occurred in that Country since the adoption of their first UPR Report. In particular, we have noted with appreciation that constructive, democratic and institutional modifications of the political spectrum in Morocco did not come about as a result of a Moroccan version of the so-called "Arab Spring", but rather, by the visionary courage shown by the Kingdom's leadership. This has led to a peaceful, better managed transition to a more egalitarian status quo.

3. Swaziland recommends that Morocco should develop strategies to better manage the migratory flows of political- and economic refugees, mainly from Sub-Saharan Africa, who unfortunately overwhelm Morocco's capacity and resources. In this regard, Swaziland urges the international community and countries of origin of the migrants themselves to give Morocco the necessary support it needs to ensure the smooth repatriation and/or relocation of these desperate people.

President , I thank you.