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**STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**  
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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to welcome the South African delegation led by Honourable Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, Mr. Andries Nel to this Working Group of Universal Periodic Review. Lesotho further welcomes the frankness and inclusiveness which characterized the preparation of the national report and the encouraging picture of the situation of human rights in South Africa as described in the same report.

**Madam President,**

The Lesotho delegation notes with interest and satisfaction the various measures and initiatives taken by South Africa to introduce the National Health Insurance (NHI), with the primary aim of ensuring that all citizens and residents of South Africa, irrespective of their socio-economic status, have access to good quality health services provided by both the public and private sector.

Lesotho further commends South Africa on the ongoing efforts to further improve the situation of human rights which were instrumental for the successful and peaceful transition from apartheid regime to a multicultural and democratic society.

**Madam President,**

Let me conclude by expressing Lesotho's appreciation to Honourable Andries Nel and the delegation of South Africa for the constructive and openness with which they participate in the UPR process and Lesotho recommends that South Africa maintains and intensifies the efforts regarding the elimination of poverty and social inequality.

**I thank you**