

**Statement by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Swaziland on UPR of the Republic of Ghana**

Swaziland welcomes the delegation of Ghana to the UPR and thanks the Honourable Minister for the statement. Hon Minister, the wide ranging consultations that resulted in compilation of your country's national report is a clear indication of your government's commitment towards democracy, transparency and promotion of human rights.

After the country's Review in 2008, there has been so much activity aimed at addressing some of the recommendations made by Member States. Most importantly has been the creation of a Commission to Review the 1992 Constitution in order to better serve, amongst other obligations, the human rights situation in Ghana which is a clear demonstration of government's desire to improve the welfare of all its citizens. The ratification of major international human rights treaties plus initiatives aimed at deepening citizens' understanding of the subject and entrenching a culture of respect and dignity such as public education, and awareness programs have resulted in significant progress in the service of human rights.

President, we note that the Government is all out to improve and serve its people by promoting and providing access to fundamental human rights; however, these come at a huge cost and at times delivery may be hampered by the lack of resources. In this regard, Swaziland encourages the Government to intensify efforts to lobby the international community including cooperating partners to assist where possible with adequate resources to realize this important vision.

**I thank you.**

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