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Statement by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Swaziland on
Republic of Sri Lanka UPR.

Thank you President, Swaziland welcomes the statement by the
Hon Minister, Mahinda Samarasinghe

We note that the implementation of the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights is on track. We are also encouraged by the Governments' focus towards the development of the Northern Eastern provinces, which as a result of the conflict had not received proper and adequate attention. Indeed, this will go a long way into achieving the government's endeavour for equal development within its territories. Furthermore, the establishment of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission in 2010 attests to the Government's steadfast belief that, one of the best methods to achieve and maintain peace, is through the creation of human rights safety nets that would encourage dialogue and compromise.

President, we all know that the promotion and protection of human rights is always "work in progress" and as such we would like to recommend that the government invests more resources towards a better service delivery mechanism that will also ensure that the remaining internally displaced citizens return safely to their territories.

I thank you President.