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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to extend a warm welcome to the Zambian delegation and thank them for the elaborate presentation of their National report, which provides an overview of the achievements and efforts made by the Republic of Zambia, one of the founding members of SADC, in securing the full enjoyment of human rights by all its citizens.

Madam President,

Lesotho commends the achievement Zambia has made in the socio-economic, civil and political spheres. In particular, Lesotho delegation takes note of the measures that government has taken to overcome corruption by adopting the Anti-Corruption Policy that provides a framework for developing means of preventing and combating corruption in a comprehensive, coordinated, inclusive and sustainable manner.

Lesotho further notes with keen interest the key priorities that Zambia has set for itself in their National Report for the promotion and protection of rights of persons with disabilities by domesticating the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in order to ensure their access to justice, education, and employment, among others.

Allow me, Madam President, to conclude by wishing Zambia success in their ongoing endeavors to promote and protect human rights in the country and also in the implementation of the recommendations that may come out of this review.

I thank you