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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

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Mr. President

The Lesotho delegation warmly welcomes the presence of Honourable.....and his/her delegation to the 15th session of Working Group on the Universal Period Review. Lesotho appreciates the inclusive process undertaken by the Government of Liechtenstein in preparation of its national report with the active involvement of civil society.

Lesotho also welcomes the measures taken by the Government of Liechtenstein in the field of human rights, in particular the continuing efforts towards the protection of the rights of special groups of people, such as people living with disabilities, women and children.

The Lesotho delegation further applauds Liechtenstein for having made substantive progress in the field of gender. The enactment of Gender Equality Act, 1999 is commendable indeed.

Mr. President, while noting the acknowledgement by the Government of Liechtenstein of the challenges that they face in the promotion and protection of human rights, Lesotho would like to make the following recommendation:

- Although Liechtenstein has ratified the majority of core international human rights instruments, the Lesotho delegation recommends that the government of Liechtenstein consider ratifying the outstanding international human

rights instruments and further update domestic laws to be in line with the articles of those treaties;

- Lesotho also recommends that Liechtenstein continues to strengthen its human rights institutions and develop further measures to ensure the effective implementation of their mandate.

Finally, Lesotho wishes Liechtenstein resounding success in implementing the progressive and human rights friendly laws which she has been enacting.

I thank you