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STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
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The Kingdom of Lesotho warmly welcomes the delegation of the DRC to the 2nd cycle of their Universal periodic Review.

Mr. President,

Lesotho commends the DRC for fulfilling most of the voluntary commitments they made at the first review. These include the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission; the development of the National Strategy against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence 2009, and the enactment of Child Protection Act 2009, among others.

Lesotho further takes note of the national priorities, initiatives and commitments for the advancement of human rights that the country has set for itself in accordance with national laws.

Mr. President,

Lesotho wishes to recommend that the DRC continue its reforms to improve policies and programmes towards promotion and protection of all human rights. Lesotho further recommends that the DRC takes necessary steps to ratify or accede to other major international human rights instruments and which are still outstanding.

Finally, Lesotho wishes the DRC all the success in implementing the recommendations that may come out of this review.

I thank you