

STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to extend a warm welcome to the Egyptian delegation and thank Egypt for having taken a number of legislative and institutional reforms in relation to the promotion and protection of human rights since their last review.

Mr. President,

Lesotho further notes with keen interest the key priorities that Egypt has set for itself in the National Report and commends the achievements they have made in the socio-economic, civil and political spheres. In particular, Lesotho delegation takes note of the measures that government has taken to overcome human trafficking by enacting the Anti-human trafficking Act. Note is also taken of policies and strategies for economic development and political transformation.

Mr. President

While noting the acknowledgement by the Government of Egypt, of the challenges that they are faced with in the promotion and protection of human rights, Lesotho would like to make the following recommendations:

- That Egypt take necessary measures to ensure that individuals suspected of committing crimes under international law and other serious human rights violations are thoroughly investigated and brought to justice; and
- that Egypt continues to strengthen its human rights institutions and develop further measures to ensure the effective implementation of their mandate.

Allow me, **Mr. President**, to conclude by wishing Egypt resounding success in their ongoing endeavors to promote and protect human rights in the country.

I thank you