

STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
Review of the Republic of Kenya
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Mr. President,

The Kingdom of Lesotho warmly welcomes the Kenyan delegation to the 2nd cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Lesotho commends Kenya for fulfilling most of the voluntary commitments they made during their first review. We further take note of the national priorities and initiatives for the advancement of human rights that the country has set for itself in accordance with national laws. These include the enactment of the Human Rights Commission Acts 2011, the Basic Education Act 2013, and the Counter Trafficking in Persons Act 2010, among others.

Mr. President,

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

- (a) that the government of Kenya consider ratifying the outstanding international human rights instruments and further update domestic laws to be in line with the articles of those treaties;
- (b) that Kenya continues to strengthen its human rights institutions and develop additional measures to ensure the effective implementation of their mandate.

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

I thank you