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**Statement by H.E. Pedro Comissário, Permanent
Representative of the Republic of Mozambique to the
United Nations Office in Geneva and other
International Organizations, to the 21st Session of the
UPR Working Group on Kingdom of Lesotho**

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Thank you, Mr. President!

I would like, from the outset, to welcome the delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho for the presentation of the report to their country's second Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

I would, also, like to stress the fact that the report reflects, in detail, the activities undertaken in the implementation of the previous UPR's 96 recommendations accepted, out of 118, amid political instability that the country endured during the period under review, with its attendant challenges.

I praise the Kingdom of Lesotho for having adopted the National Disability and Rehabilitation Policy in 2011, in the

framework of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

I have taken note of the Kingdom of Lesotho's 2013 Millennium Development Goals Status outcome, as indicated in the report, according to which the country is on track on achieving the goals on the: (i) universal primary education and (ii) gender equality promotion and women empowerment. In this regard, I welcome the National Identity Cards Act 2011, which gives women the right to apply for an Identity Card, without their husband's authorization.

Such developments might contribute to the country's efforts aiming at improving the enjoyment of human rights by the Basotho People, with focus on Children and Women.

I have also taken note of the challenges the Kingdom of Lesotho is faced with, as it strives to set up the Human Rights National Commission, in the framework of Paris Principles.

In the light of the above, allow me, Mr. President to offer the following recommendations, to the Kingdom of Lesotho:

- Redouble efforts towards the realization of, at least, part of the remaining MDG's;
- Speed up the process of setting up the Human Rights National Commission, with the support of the International Community.

I wish the Kingdom of Lesotho every success in the present UPR review process.

Thank you, Mr. President!

