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**Review of Lesotho**

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**Statement by Rwanda Delegation**

Rwanda would like to welcome the delegation of Lesotho to the second cycle of the UPR. We commend Lesotho for its comprehensive national report which outlines the progress made since its first UPR review.

Rwanda congratulates Lesotho for its initiatives aimed at addressing poverty reduction and ensuring economic development. We commend in particular the establishment a National Strategic Development plan (NSDP) aimed at achieving sustainable development. Rwanda also noted the improvement of water supply and sanitation in both urban and rural areas.

We have noted with appreciation the domestication of the Protocol on Trafficking in Persons through the enactment of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act in 2011.

We would like to make the following recommendation to Lesotho:

- *While noting the enactment of the bill to establish the human rights Commission and its approval by the attorney General, **we recommend the Government of Lesotho to continue its efforts towards the operationalization of the national Human rights Commission.***
- *To consider **lifting the reservation to article 2 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women***

Finally, we urge the international community to provide Lesotho with technical assistance and capacity building in the areas identified in the national report. These include inter alia the setting up of the National Human Rights Commission.