

**STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**  
**Review of Mozambique**  
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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho welcomes the Mozambican delegation to their 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of their review.

Lesotho also commends the strides that Mozambique has made and continues to make in the human rights sphere. Although some challenges remain, Lesotho delegation applauds measures that government has taken within its national priorities to overcome these challenges.

Lesotho notes with appreciation that Mozambique has ratified the majority of core human rights treaties. This is a true testimony to the commitment and efforts that the Government is making to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights in accordance with international human rights standards and norms.

While Lesotho takes a positive note that Mozambique, like other states, faces some challenges in the realm of promotion and protection of human rights, we would like to make the following recommendations:

- Continue the reforms to improve policies and programmes towards promotion and protection of all human rights.
- take necessary steps to ratify or accede to other major international human rights instruments and which are still outstanding.

In conclusion, Lesotho wishes the Government of Mozambique success in its endeavors to promote and protect human rights within the country.

**I thank you.**