

STATEMENT TO THE 24TH SESSION OF THE UPR ON THE REPUBLIC OF
MOCAMBIQUE: 19TH JANUARY, 2016 – KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND.

MR. PRESIDENT,

MY DELEGATION WARMLY WELCOMES THE HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION LED BY THE HONOURABLE DR. ABDUL D'ALMEIDA, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS.

WE NOTE WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE REPORT REFLECTS A COMMITMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MOCAMBIQUE TO THE UPR PROCESS; AS IT SHOWS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS HANDED DURING THE FIRST CYCLE IN 2011. OUT OF 169 RECOMMENDATIONS, 161 HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED. MANY LEGAL INSTRUMENTS HAVE BEEN RATIFIED AND DOMESTICATED.

SWAZILAND COMMENDS THE GREAT PROGRESS MADE IN GENDER ISSUES, ESPECIALLY THE NOTICEABLE GROWTH IN THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT AND KEY DECISION MAKING POSITIONS. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT IS A LADY (WOMAN) AND 40% OF THE SEATS (100 OUT OF 250) ARE WOMEN.

WE ALSO CONGRATULATE THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE ROBUST GROWTH IN ITS EDUCATION, HEALTH, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

MY DELEGATION APPLAUDS THE TIRELESS EFFORTS EXTENDED BY THE MOCAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT TO MEET MOST OF THE UPR STANDARDS AND OBLIGATIONS. WE WISH THE DELEGATION PRODUCTIVE DELIBERATIONS.

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I THANK YOU.