

Universal Periodic Review – 25th Session, 2-13 May 2016

Statement by the Republic of Cyprus in the review of

Swaziland

Vice-President
Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes Swaziland's delegation led by (H.E. ~~Mr. Edgar Hillary~~)
to the 2nd Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

We commend the measures that the Government of Swaziland has taken recently to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights. In particular, we welcome ^{the} ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol in 2012, as well as the 2014 Extended National Strategic Framework on HIV/AIDS. Despite positive steps in many areas, we remain concerned with the existing gender based discrimination and violence against women, especially in rural parts of Swaziland.

Finally, Cyprus has the following 2 recommendations:

1. Take all necessary measures to end discrimination and violence against women and girls, and
2. Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Vice-President
Thank you Mr. President.