



## Statement

### By The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Swaziland

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Swaziland led by H.E. Mr. Edgar Hillary Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Swaziland, to the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the national report and the oral update.

We commend Swaziland for the wider implementation of its accepted recommendations from the first UPR Cycle and we further note with appreciation Swaziland's efforts to enhance the legal framework on the protection of human rights, inter alia, the full function of the Commission on Human Rights to achieve its constitutional mandate of promoting and protecting human rights, ensuring equitable access to public services for all and fostering leadership that is accountable to all people.

We particularly note with satisfaction the recalibrating of training programmes for members of the judiciary and law enforcement officials, including Security forces and Correctional Officers, particularly, over 230 Police officers were trained to improve their capacity in handling cases involving families and vulnerable groups.

My delegation strongly believes that all inclusive socio-economic development will be able to enhance the protection and promotion of human rights. Thus, we would like to encourage Swaziland to continue implementing policies on education, health and other sectors leading to achieve environmental sustainability including clean water supply, establishment of rural electrification in order to improve the quality of life of everyone in the country.

My delegation would like to recommend Swaziland;

1. To further continue efforts to remove all barriers to access primary education,
2. To give emphasis on allocating adequate National Funding for the response of the HIV/AIDS problems to implement all required actions in the country,

Finally, my delegation wishes to encourage to the delegation of Swaziland in its engagement with the Human Rights Council.

Thank you!