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UPR – Swaziland

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Swaziland and thank them for their national report and presentation.

Italy welcomes Swaziland's commitment to the UPR and the steps taken in order to implement the recommendations accepted during its first cycle. We congratulate the Authorities on the measures taken to protect the rights of the child, also through the adoption of the Child Protection and Welfare Act, and on the attention devoted to enhancing progress in the health sector.

We take positive note of the ongoing reforms aiming at enhancing the right to freedom of assembly and association, and of the Government's willingness to amend relevant legislation in this field. We **recommend** to adopt all necessary measures to remove the restrictions which prevent the full enjoyment of the right to freedom of expression and association and to amend the "Suppression of Terrorism Act" of 2008 and other relevant legislation in line with international standards.

Italy **recommends** Swaziland to consider establishing a de jure moratorium of capital executions with a view to fully abolish the death penalty. Italy also **recommends** to accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

As far as the promotion of gender equality and women's rights are concerned, we welcome the measures mentioned in the national report, such as the establishment of the Domestic Violence and Victims support Centres in police stations, and **recommend** Swaziland to adopt a new comprehensive legislation to prevent and combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women.

We wish Swaziland a successful UPR.

Thank you.