

**STATEMENT BY DANIEL KOTTUT OF THE DELEGATION OF KENYA
On the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**

Swaziland at the 25th session of the UPR

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Mr. President,

Kenya welcomes the delegation of Swaziland to this cycle of review and thank them for their informative national report.

We congratulate Swaziland for implementing recommendations made in the first cycle of the UPR. In this respect, she has undertaken several national steps notable of this is the establishment of the Human Rights Commission and Public Administration which doubles as an Integrity Commission.

Swaziland has also ratified and implemented several core international and regional human rights instruments which include CRPD and its Optional Protocol and acceded to the OP-CRC-SC. This testifies to the willingness of her government to protect and promote human rights despite challenges and constraints they face.

We recommend to Swaziland to:

- Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination (CEDAW) and the Optional Protocol to Convention Against Torture (OP-CAT);
- Align national legislation with the international standards to guarantee freedom of assembly and association, in particular as regards the notification of the organization of peaceful assemblies;
- To submit its report to the Human Rights Committee and
- Extend a standing invitation to the UN Special Procedures.

I thank you