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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Swaziland

(25th Session of the Working Group on UPR)

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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Swaziland led by H.E. ... for the presentation of 2nd national report on UPR.

We appreciate that despite challenges and resource constraints Swaziland has made concerted efforts to implement majority of the recommendations received during the 1st cycle of the UPR.

It is encouraging to note that Swaziland has put in place an institutional framework that will help improve promotion and protection of human rights which includes the Human Rights Commission which doubles as an Integrity Commission responsible for the protection and promotion of human rights; The Election and Boundaries Commission responsible for the free and fair conduct of elections; The Land Management Board responsible for the overall management and regulation of any right or interest in land; Government Ministries and Departments.

We commend the ongoing national legislation for strengthening protection of human rights as well as ratification of international human rights instruments including, among others, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its optional protocol, Optional Protocols on the Convention on the Rights of the child on the involvement of children in armed conflict and on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue to provide access to education to children;
2. Continue to promote women empowerment.

I thank you.