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REVIEW OF SWAZILAND

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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Swaziland on the occasion of the country's Universal Periodic Review and thanks the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

South Africa welcomes the country's commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights. We commend Swaziland for the ratification of key human rights instruments; the creation of key Human Rights institutions such as the Human Rights and Public Administration Commission; and the elevation of the Gender and Family Issues Unit into the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

South Africa encourages Swaziland to continue these efforts while noting that the country is still addressing various challenges. We recommend that Swaziland:

1. Ratify the OP-CAT and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW-OP);
2. Strengthen constitutional protections that ensure the independence of the judiciary and Parliament and

3. Strengthen the National Disaster Management Authority in the country.

We wish Swaziland a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.