

**25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group**  
**Review of Swaziland**  
**Statement by Armenia**

We welcome the delegation of Swaziland to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thank for the presentation of the national report.

We appreciate that Swaziland took measures to accede to the international human rights instruments. However, we note that there are still a few major international human rights instruments Swaziland is not party to yet.

We appreciate the recent efforts by the Government to improve transparency in the recruitment of judicial officers, as well as the trainings organized for judicial and law enforcement personnel, mainly regarding the issues relating to the rights of the child.

While noting that Swaziland has continued its efficient implementation of the Free Primary Education programme, with net enrolment rates remaining above 90 per cent, the enrolment at secondary level is still extremely low, the reasons including the prohibitive cost of secondary school education, adolescent pregnancy and violence in and around schools.

We have 2 recommendations for Swaziland:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.
- 2) To take the necessary steps to improve access to education at all levels.