**STATEMENT READ BY AMBASSADOR NJABULISO GWEBU OF SWAZILAND AT THE TWENTY SIXTH SESSION OF UPR WORKING GROUP SESSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA- 3 NOVEMBER 2016**

Vice President, Swaziland warmly welcomes the delegation of Uganda and thanks them for presenting an all inclusive report.

We wish to commend the government of Uganda for the methodical and articulate presentation of their report, which sets a positive standard for our countries to emulate. My delegation is impressed by the meticulous manner in which they have attended to the recommendations, by making a number of voluntary pledges in addition to the outcomes of the 2011 Review.

My delegation recognises and appreciates the work done by the Ugandan government, through The National Action Plan on Human Rights (NAP) to maintain access to education for all, through the provision of Universal Primary and Secondary Education; as evidenced by the increased secondary school enrolment figures.

The Ugandan Constitution protects the rights of women, children and other vulnerable groups through the domestication of key international and regional Human Rights instruments; resulting in the passing of the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act and Domestic Violence Act, among others. In this respect, my delegation urges the government of Uganda to redouble efforts to pass The Marriage and Divorce Bill which has been pending before parliament for many years and is necessary to increase protection of Ugandan women from discrimination.

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Lastly Chair, my delegation applauds the Government of Uganda for reviewing the Persons with Disability Act so as to recognize albinism as a form of disability; and we further encourage the government to implement all the recommendations of the Ugandan Human Rights Commission report of 2015 with respect to people living with albinism;including the enactment of fiscal measures to enhance access to special goods that people with albinism need.

We wish the delegation of Uganda a successful review and outcomes

I thank you!