

**STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI TO THE 46TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON CYPRUS**

**GENEVA**

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Thank you, Mr President,

The Kingdom of Eswatini warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cyprus and wishes to congratulates Cyprus on the promotion and protection of human rights and liberties without discrimination by the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus.

We commend Cyprus for the comprehensive Law prohibiting direct or indirect racism and discrimination of all

Furthermore, we commend Cyprus for the steps taken to prohibit direct or indirect discrimination with respect to employment and occupation based on racial or national origin, religion or beliefs.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Eswatini recommends Cyprus to:

1. Intensify efforts to promote equality between men and women in all spheres of society and life.
2. take further steps to eliminate the obstacles in law and in practice preventing women from pursuing or being elected to public positions,
3. ensure that all citizens have equal access to rights, regardless of their ethnicities

Lastly we wish Cyprus all the success during the UPR process.