**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA AT THE 3RD UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI**

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Thank you, President,

Uganda welcomes the delegation of Eswatini and thanks them for presenting a comprehensive national report.

We commend the Eswatini Government for the establishment of the National Mechanism of Reporting and Follow-up to facilitate treaty implementation and reporting mechanisms.

We welcome the ongoing development of the National Strategy on women’s participation in politics and decision making that seeks to address barriers to women’s participation in all sectors of leadership and urge the government to ensure completion of this development.

Uganda makes the following two recommendations.

1. Strengthen the implementation of the policies and the legal framework to eradicate harmful traditional practices that discriminate against women and the girl child.
2. Strengthen the task force against human trafficking to adequately address cases of trafficking and forced child labour.

We wish Eswatini success in her review.

Thank you!