

**39TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)**

**KENYA’S STATEMENT ON KINGDOM OF ESWATINI**

**Thank you, Madam President**

Kenya congratulates the Kingdom of Eswatini on the comprehensive national report and welcomes the positive steps taken in promoting and protecting human rights.

We commend Eswatini for domesticating the various pieces of legislation since its last UPR cycle, key being the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018.

**In constructive spirit, Kenya recommends the following:**

1. Ratify the Convention Against Torture
2. Redouble efforts in promoting women participation and representation in politics and decision making processes
3. Continue to ensure full protection of young girls against harmful practices and forced marriages

Kenya wishes the delegation of Kingdom of Eswatini a successful UPR.

**I thank you.**