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Thank you Mr. President,

RADDHO welcomes the delegation of Swaziland to the second cycle of the UPR. We commend Swaziland's efforts to combat sexual violence and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, including under the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, and the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill. Great effort has also been made in healthcare investment with regards to HIV/AIDS treatment and in combating its prevention. Efforts to improve access to safe drinking water to rural areas and commitments made regarding sustainable development are signs of Swaziland's comprehensive strategy to promoting and protecting human right for all its citizens.

With regards to the challenges remaining, RADDHO calls on the Government of Swaziland to take further steps in promoting the independence of the Human Rights Commission, including allocating more resources for its activities so that it may come into full compliance with the Paris Principles.

We encourage the Government to continue its empowerment of women and strengthen gender equality legislation, and to accelerate its commitment to eliminate sexual violence through the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill. The Government should also do much more to prevent torture and other human rights violations by law enforcement and security services, and take effective measures to guarantee the impartiality and independence of the judiciary.

Thank you Mr. President.