



Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Swaziland

STATEMENT BY

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AT THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE

Madam President
Mr. Secretary-General
Excellencies
Distinguished Delegates

It is a great honour and privilege for me to deliver this important statement on behalf of the delegation of the kingdom of Swaziland.

Allow me to convey the warm greetings and best wishes of His Majesty King Mswati III, Her Majesty The Indlovukazi (The Queen Mother), the government and the people of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the whole United Nations family.

The Kingdom of Swaziland warmly congratulates you, Madam, on your historic election to the Presidency of the 61st session of the General Assembly.

country in that region should be allowed to participate in working towards peace, stability

and positive development.

Therefore, we propose that Resolution 2759 of 1971 be reviewed carefully with a view to

the conflict erupted in 2003.

We urge the parties concerned to demonstrate a spirit of necessary compromise and to cooperate with efforts made to facilitate the search for peaceful and lasting solutions.

The Kingdom of Swaziland supports unequivocally every effort that is being made to sustain peace in this area and we join our fellow member states in calling for support from the United Nations and for commitments in word to be followed up by action.

We welcome the results of the historic first round elections that took place in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the first of its kind in 40 years. This is the first crucial step

Madam President,

The Kingdom of Swaziland has completed the constitutional development process and given birth to a new political dispensation. We are now working towards putting in place the relevant laws and regulations that have to comply with our new constitution.

This is of course a costly but worthwhile exercise and we are grateful to the United Nations

for the assistance and support that has been made available to us.

We have also finalized our decentralization policy and its implementation strategy as part of our efforts to empower the Swazi people for the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Our classification as a lower middle-income country has made difficult the possibility of accessing various funds and resources that would otherwise be available to us. Consequently, we still face the challenges of poverty and unemployment. Additionally, we are losing our skilled human resources pool to developed countries. In this regard, we look forward to working closely with the United Nations agencies in order to alleviate the situation.

On a more positive note, the Kingdom of Swaziland is now implementing the recommendations of our job creation summit that took place last year.

His Majesty King Mswati III always stands behind his people and fully supports the idea of the participation of the people in building the economy. For instance he encourages them to start their own businesses as a means of reducing the unemployment level.

God's blessings upon those tasked with leading the organization to give them the wisdom
and direction they require to carry out their duties.

Thank you, Madam President.