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**IPU GENERAL DEBATE ON THE THEME: PROMOTING PEACEFUL
COEXISTENCE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES: FIGHTING
INTOLERANCE**

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MAY I KINDLY EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATION OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI OUR GRATITUDE TO THE IPU PRESIDENT FOR INVITING US TO THE 146TH IPU ASSEMBLY. MAY I FURTHER EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION TO THE KING AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN, FOR THE WARM RECEPTION UPON ARRIVAL AND HOSPILITY DURING OUR STAY.

MR. PRESIDENT, THIS 146TH IPU GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DEBATE THEMED: ***"PROMOTING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES: FIGHTING INTOLERANCE"***, SETS THE STAGE FOR LIVELY DEBATE ON THE NEED TO VIGOROUSLY FIGHT INTOLERANCE AND AS A MEANS FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST INTOLERANCE AND ATTAINING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, LEADS

TO THE CREATION OF INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FIGHTING INTOLERANCE AND PROMOTING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BEGIN IN THE HOME SETTING, TRANSCEND THROUGH NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND ARE FINALLY MAGNIFIED IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT, (NATIONAL OVERVIEW)

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE DELIVERED BY HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI III, DURING THE OPENING OF THE FINAL SESSION OF THE 11TH PARLIAMENT HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY AND TOLERANCE AS ESSENTIAL AND KEY FACTORS IN THE EVERLASTING PROCESS OF NATION BUILDING. THE KING FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT IT IS GOD THAT GIVES EACH NATION ITS OWN UNIQUE IDENTITY, AND THROUGH THAT IDENTITY THE NATION GAINERS ITS UNITY AND STRENGTH TO OVERCOME CONFLICT AND OTHER TRIALS THAT MAY TEST ITS NATIONAL RESILIENCE. TOLERANCE AND PEACEFUL ENGAGEMENTS IS KEY IN SUCH SITUATIONS AS THE OBJECTIVE FOR ALL IS NATION BUILDING. IN THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI, OUR CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS SEEK TO ENSURE THE ENTRENCHMENT OF RESPECT, PEACE AND UNITY, WITHIN OUR DIFFERENCES AND DIVERSITY WHICH WILL ALWAYS BE THERE IN ALL LIVING BEINGS. DIVERSITY IN BELIEFS SHOULD NEVER CREATE HATRED AND CONFLICT AMONGST MANKIND, BUT RATHER BE EMBRACED AND MANIFEST IN THE DEMONSTRATION

OF THE PATRIOTISM AND IN THE COLLECTIVE LOVE AND PROTECTION OF OUR PRECIOUS KINGDOM. HONESTY AND INTEGRITY AS RHETORICAL AS THEY MAY BE ARE ESSENTIAL TRAITS IN SOLVING PROBLEMS AND IN REACHING AGREEMENTS THAT SHALL CAUSE TRUE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITHIN OUR DIFFERENCES.

MR. PRESIDENT,

IT IS REGRETTABLE TO NOTE THAT GLOBALLY THERE STILL EXISTS SEVERE CONFLICT WHICH HAS CAUSED SERIOUS DISTRUCTION TO THE LIVELIHOODS OF MANKIND WITHIN THE AFFECTED NATIONS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE BUT HAS SPILT OVER TO AFFECTING LIVELIHOODS OF NATIONS THAT ARE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED. REJOICING FROM THE SUFFERING OF FELLOW HUMAN BEING IS REGRETTABLE, CAUSING ANOTHER HUMAN BEING TO SUFFER IS CRIMINAL. SUCH ACTIONS ARE AMPLIFIED WHEN THE ISSUES INVOLVE SOVEREIGN STATES. NO SINGLE STATE SHOULD ENCOURAGE SUFFERING OF ANOTHER, IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT IN SOME INSTANCES, STATES NOT ONLY ENCOURAGE SUFFERING OF ANOTHER, BUT GO ON TO SPONSOR THE CONFLICT. FELLOW PARLIAMENTARIANS, THE THEME OF THIS 146TH ASSEMBLY WILL NOT ONLY BRING PEACE AND ORDER IN OUR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, BUT WILL CAUSE THE WORLD TO BE ONE THAT WE SHALL ALL WANT TO LIVE IN. RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NON AGGRESSION, NON INTERFERENCE IN ANOTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, IF OBSERVED BY ALL, WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE LIVE OF EMASWATI IN THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

BUT WILL ALSO MINIMISE CONFLICT BETWEEN TRIBES,
GOVERNMENTS AND NATIONS.

IN CONCLUSION MR. PRESIDENT,

IN CONCLUSION MR. PRESIDENT, THE DELEGATION FROM THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE THIS 146TH IPU ASSEMBLY THAT THE PARLIAMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI IS COMMITTED TO UNDERTAKING ALL NECESSARY MEASURES WORKING WITH ALL RELEVANT STRUCTURES AND THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE KINGDOM TO ACHIEVE HARMONY, PEACE, AND STABILITY, DESPITE THE NATURAL DISASTERS AND ECONOMIC SITUATION EXPERIENCED. WE ALSO URGE OUR FELLOW PARLIAMENTARIANS TO NOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE THEME "PROMOTING PEACE FULL COEXISTENCE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES: FIGHTING INTOLERANCE.

I THANK YOU