



**NURTURING HOPE, SECURING PEACE AND
ENSURING JUSTICE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

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**EXCELLENCIES, PRESIDING OFFICERS, AND
HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY,
DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS, ALL DELEGATES IN
THIS ASSEMBLY,**

APPRECIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY.

ON BEHALF OF OUR ENTIRE DELEGATION, MAY I HUMBLY EXTEND OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL HOSPITALITY AND OUTSTANDING RECEPTION AFFORDED TO US SINCE OUR ARRIVAL IN THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. THE REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE HAS SET A STANDARD OF WELCOME THAT WILL REMAIN WITH US LONG AFTER WE RETURN HOME.

COLLEGUES, ALLOW ME TO EXTEND MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR THE OUSTANDING WORK DONE BY DR. TULIA ACKSON AND MR. MARTIN CHUNGONG DURING THEIR TENURE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PORTFOLIOS. WE SALUTE OUR AFRICAN SISTER AND BROTHER FOR THE UNPRECEDENTED MILESTONES IN THIS ESTEEMED ORGANIZATION, INDEED THEY LEAVE AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE POTENTIAL ABILITIES OF AFRICAN CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS. WE THANK THE IPU TEAM FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

THEMATIC REFLECTION

THE THEME BEFORE US, "**NURTURING HOPE, SECURING PEACE AND ENSURING JUSTICE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**", IS BOTH TIMELY AND DEEPLY RESONANT. IT CALLS UPON US, AS LEADERS AND LEGISLATORS, TO REFLECT NOT ONLY ON PRESENT REALITIES BUT ON THE LEGACY WE ARE BUILDING FOR THOSE WHO WILL COME AFTER US.

IN ESWATINI, THIS ASPIRATION IS FIRMLY ANCHORED IN OUR **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023/24–2027/28**, WHICH SEEKS TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS FOR ALL EMASWATI. AT ITS CORE LIES A COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, POLITICAL STABILITY, AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, WITH GOOD GOVERNANCE SERVING AS THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH HOPE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS IS BUILT.

NATIONAL EFFORTS TO NURTURE HOPE, SECURE PEACE AND ENSURE JUSTICE

THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI CONTINUES TO PURSUE A DELIBERATE AND COORDINATED APPROACH TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

OUR GOVERNMENT'S POLICY DIRECTION, ENCAPSULATED IN THE "**NKWE! (AGILE)**" MANDATE, IS FOCUSED ON ACCELERATING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC

GROWTH, REDUCING POVERTY, COMBATING CORRUPTION, CREATING EMPLOYMENT, AND STRENGTHENING ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES SUCH AS HEALTH AND EDUCATION.

ACROSS GOVERNMENT:

- THE **MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT** DRIVES STRATEGIC COORDINATION OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES, INCLUDING ALIGNMENT WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.
- THE **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING** IS IMPLEMENTING COMPREHENSIVE REFORMS AIMED AT EQUIPPING OUR YOUTH WITH RELEVANT SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE.
- THE **MINISTRY OF HEALTH**, IN COLLABORATION WITH GLOBAL PARTNERS, HAS DELIVERED A GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED HIV RESPONSE, ACHIEVING THE 95-95-95 TARGETS — A TESTAMENT TO SUSTAINED, MULTI-SECTORAL COMMITMENT.
- THE **DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE** REMAINS CENTRAL IN PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE, ENSURING THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND.

- YOUTH EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES, LED BY KEY MINISTRIES, CONTINUE TO FOSTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

- THE **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS** IS EXPANDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE, PARTICULARLY FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.

COMPLEMENTING THESE DOMESTIC EFFORTS, THE **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION** PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, MOBILIZING FINANCING, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, AND TRADE OPPORTUNITIES THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT OUR PEOPLE.

REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

ESWATINI REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO MULTILATERALISM AND REGIONAL STABILITY.

OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH CONTINENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS, INCLUDING THE **AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS**, REFLECTS OUR OPENNESS TO ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT.

AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, ESWATINI'S LEADERSHIP ROLE WITHIN SADC UNDERSCORES OUR COMMITMENT

TO PEACE, SECURITY, AND COOPERATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

GLOBALLY, OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE **UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FRAMEWORK (2026-2030)**, POSITIONS US TO ADVANCE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, ECONOMIC RESILIENCE, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, ESWATINI WILL BE HOSTING THE **FIRST SESSION OF THE JOINT AFRICA-EU PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (JPA) 7TH - 14TH MAY 2026** AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU IN THE KINGDOM.

CLIMATE AND INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE

WE RECOGNIZE THAT SECURING THE FUTURE REQUIRES DECISIVE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE.

THROUGH HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI III'S LEADERSHIP, ESWATINI HAS STRENGTHENED ITS CLIMATE COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING THE ADVANCEMENT OF ITS NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS. THESE EFFORTS REFLECT OUR RESOLVE TO CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY TO GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE.

INTERNATIONAL POLICY.

ESWATINI, LIKE MOST MODERN STATES, LIVES AMONG A GLOBAL COMMUNITY WITH ITS CORE ETHOES OF UPHOLDING INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRINCIPLES. IN THE MIDST OF THE HEIGHTENED GLOBAL TENSIONS, IT IS OUR CALL TO ENCOURAGE ALL NATIONS TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WHICH HAS FAR PROVEN TO BE A REALISTIC AND MOST REACHABLE SOLUTION THAN ARMED CONFLICT. OUR POLICY REMAINS ROOTED IN THE CONVICTION THAT **“ NO CONFLICT IS SO DEEP THAT IT CANNOT BE NAVIGATED THROUGH SUSTAINED DIALOGUE”**

CONCLUSION

MADAM PRESIDENT,

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI DEMONSTRATES THAT EVEN WITHIN CONSTRAINED RESOURCES, FOCUSED LEADERSHIP, NATIONAL UNITY, AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS CAN YIELD MEASURABLE PROGRESS.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION REFORM, AND SOCIAL PROTECTION ILLUSTRATE A GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO NURTURING HOPE, SECURING PEACE, AND ENSURING JUSTICE — NOT ONLY FOR TODAY, BUT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

AS PARLIAMENTS, WE BEAR A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO LEGISLATE, OVERSEE, AND ADVOCATE IN WAYS THAT TRANSLATE THESE IDEALS INTO TANGIBLE OUTCOMES FOR OUR CITIZENS.

LET US, THEREFORE, REMAIN STEADFAST IN OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A MORE JUST, PEACEFUL, AND HOPEFUL WORLD.

I THANK YOU.

