

**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND,**

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**AT THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING  
FOR DEVELOPMENT**

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Your Excellency, Mr. President,

Your Excellencies, Heads of State and Government,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. President, let me start by thanking you on behalf of His Majesty King Mswati III, Her Majesty the Queen Mother and the Government and People of the Kingdom of Swaziland, for convening the Third International Conference on Financing for Development. His Majesty wishes the Conference successful deliberations.

I wish to join others in congratulating you on your election as President and further, thank the outgoing President and Bureau on the sterling work done during their tenure. We also wish to offer our profound gratitude to the Government and People of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia for hosting such an auspicious event and we thank them for their warm welcome and hospitality.

My delegation aligns itself with the statements made on behalf of the African Union and the Group of 77 + China.

Mr. President, Swaziland supports the view that there is a need to formulate and adopt an outcome that is far-reaching, ambitious, with adequate, predictable and timely means of implementation to respond to the level of ambition of achieving all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the completion of all outstanding MDG's.

Mr President, among issues that need to be addressed during this Conference are the specific means of implementation for the SDGs and specific commitments in those areas in which development is needed. Though not attempting to collate an exhaustive list, these include issues related to: trade facilitation particularly for Land Locked Developing Countries; economic diversification; rural development; reform of the international financial system; agriculture and food security; and cooperation in the fields of finance, technology, capacity building as well as data management.

There is a clear need for mobilization of resources to ensure that developing countries are better equipped to meet challenges in the implementation of the SDGs. In this context, Swaziland supports the call for the international community to provide enhanced means of implementation to developing countries, through clearly defined, quantified and determined targets.

Swaziland is mindful that the development that we seek has to occur within a context of greater sustainability. Thus, it is imperative that the increased financial assistance be accompanied by the provision of appropriate transfer of technology. We greatly thank our development partners, in particular those who have met and are surpassing their specific commitments.

Mr President, Swaziland supports the call for the need to conclude the negotiations on the Doha Development Agenda, and to recommit to placing the interests and concerns of developing countries at the heart of these negotiations.

Swaziland welcomes the efforts to establish new infrastructure investment platforms by established multilateral financial institutions, including the ***Africa 50 Infrastructure Fund*** by the African Development Bank. Regional investments in key priority sectors require the expansion of new financing mechanisms, hence the call upon multilateral financial institutions to support regional and sub-regional organizations and programs. For instance, Swaziland has put in place programs such as the Investor Roadmap to facilitate investment in utilizing our scarce resources.

Mr. President, the continuing emergence of serious diseases necessitates the strengthening of national health systems as well as an early detection capability, risk reduction and management of national and trans-national health risks. This is coupled to an increase in health financing for the recruitment, development, training and retention of the health workforce. Swaziland requests therefore, that our development partners continue providing increased resources channelled towards the health sector, particularly in respect of communicable diseases.

We note the classification of some of our countries as lower middle income. However, there is need to take into consideration particular vulnerabilities that affect this grouping as they require special concessional funding to allow them to achieve better transition from being lower middle income to upper middle income countries.

Mr President, in conclusion, the Kingdom recommitts itself to the principles of multilateralism and looks forward to being a part of a lasting solution, to many of the problems hindering our individual and collective development goals. We therefore, join others in support of a successful resolution to the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

Mr. President, I thank you.