

Eswatini National Statement

Chairpersons may I first congratulate you on co-chairing this meeting.

As a State Party, we would like to register in this forum a trend observed in Eswatini where migrants (of different nationalities) enter the country (mostly at the international airport) with suspicion of intention to being smuggled into neighboring countries or even abroad. We have observed that these migrants in most instances do not have clear directions of their destination or clear identity of persons they are visiting in the country. It is observed that these migrants may be subjected to smuggling into/ out of Eswatini into neighbouring States or to international jurisdictions. It remains unknown whether their journey will end up with smuggling or they will eventually be subjected to trafficking. Eswatini, therefore, presents to this house a proposal for future consideration the detection of smuggling and trafficking in persons as well as related offences disguised as migrants, smuggling routes in the Southern African region throughout Africa to global countries and interventions to this hidden form of smuggling.