

YOUR MAJESTY THE INDLOVUKAZI,

EMAKHOSIKATI,

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES,

PRIME MINISTER,

COUNCILLORS,

CHIEFS,

CHIEF JUSTICE,

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER,

CABINET MINISTERS,

EXCELLENCIES, MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS,

SADC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,

PRESIDENT OF THE PAN AFRICAN PARLIAMENT, PRESIDENT AND  
MEMBERS OF SENATE,

SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

**SIYANIVUSELA NONKHE BEKUNENE EPHALAMENDE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THE  
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE TENTH  
PARLIAMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI.

WE WELCOME EMASWATI AND ALL OUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE TRAVELLED  
FAR AND WIDE TO BE WITH US HERE TODAY.

WE ALSO WELCOME ALL THOSE WHO ARE FOLLOWING TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

### **PARLIAMENTARIANS**

TODAY MARKS THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WORK OF OUR LEGISLATURE THAT IS ENTRUSTED WITH ENACTING LAWS THAT CAN PROPEL OUR NATION TO GREATER HEIGHTS.

WE WISH TO PRAISE YOU ALL FOR THE COMMENDABLE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE SINCE LAST YEAR.

WE ANTICIPATE ANOTHER HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE YEAR OF CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATES AND EXECUTION OF OVERSIGHT.

THE TASK PLACED UPON YOU BY THE NATION REQUIRES YOUR COLLECTIVE EFFORT IN FOSTERING NATION BUILDING THAT LEADS TOWARDS THE FULFILMENT OF OUR 2022 OBJECTIVES.

### **A LOOK BACK TO 2016**

THE YEAR THAT WAS, HAD A PLETHORA OF CHALLENGES AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NATION IN A VARIETY OF SECTORS.

NOTWITHSTANDING ALL THESE CHALLENGES, WE STOOD TOGETHER AS A NATION AND SUPPORTED ONE ANOTHER.

THIS WAS A CLEAR TESTIMONY THAT THE SPIRIT OF NATIONHOOD RUNS THROUGH THE VEINS OF EVERY CITIZEN. THE GOOD RAINS USHERING US INTO 2017, THEREFORE, SERVE AS A WELL DESERVED BLESSING TO EMASWATI FOR STAYING UNITED, UPHOLDING THE PEACE AND KEEPING THE FAITH.

GOD IS SURELY ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS AND WIPING AWAY OUR TEARS.

AS WE SET OUT TO BUILD A STRONG ECONOMIC FOUNDATION THAT WILL SUSTAIN US THROUGH ALL SEASONS, BOTH GOOD AND BAD, LET US JOIN HANDS ONCE AGAIN.

### **NATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2016**

*IMIKHOSI YONKHE YELIVE IHAMBE KAHLE BEKUNENE.* GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, LUTSANGO, IMBALI, AND INCWALA CEREMONIES PROCEEDED VERY WELL. WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

OUR CULTURE IS THE EPITOME OF OUR NATIONALITY AND DISTINGUISHES US FROM OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. WE ARE A NATION THAT EMBRACES PEACE, STABILITY AND RESPECT.

WE SHOULD ALSO NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF KING SOBHUZA II AS WE EMBRACE SOME OF THE GOOD FOUND IN MODERNITY AND BLEND IT WITH OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE.

### **SIBAYA**

THE COUNTRY CONTINUES TO PRIDE ITSELF IN PRESERVING A CULTURE OF DIALOGUE TO DISCUSS NATIONAL ISSUES, IRRESPECTIVE OF AGE, GENDER, RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OR SOCIAL STATUS.

THE NATION TURNED UP IN NUMBERS AT THE HIGHEST DECISION MAKING BODY IN THE LAND, SIBAYA. WE WISH TO THANK THE NATION FOR UTILISING THIS OPPORTUNITY.

THERE WERE SEVERAL ISSUES RAISED DURING THE PRESENTATIONS AND THEY WERE NOTED. THE RELEVANT STRUCTURES WILL NOW MONITOR HOW THEY ARE TAKEN FORWARD.

### **36<sup>TH</sup> SADC SUMMIT**

THE SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM THE ENTIRE NATION TOWARDS HOSTING THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SADC SUMMIT IS HIGHLY COMMENDABLE. THE KINGDOM WAS HONOURED TO HAVE PLAYED HER PART IN HOSTING

LEADERS AND DELEGATES. THEY WERE WELL RECEIVED AND FELT VERY MUCH AT HOME.

AS WE PREPARE TO HOST OTHER SUMMITS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WE URGE THE NATION TO CONTINUE TO APPLY THE SAME SPIRIT AND BE THE GOOD HOSTS THAT YOU ARE.

### **RECOGNITION FOR MALARIA**

BLESSINGS ARE SURELY UPON US THIS YEAR.

WE ARE HONOURED THAT AFRICAN LEADERS, IN THEIR 2017 AU MEETING HELD IN ADDIS ABABA, HAVE ELECTED THE KINGDOM TO BE THE CHAIR TO LEAD THE AFRICAN LEADERS MALARIA ALLIANCE.

THIS IS IN RECOGNITION OF THE KINGDOM'S LEADERSHIP STEWARDSHIP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA THAT HAS SEEN THE COUNTRY AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE REGION.

THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT IS WHAT WE NEED TO KICKSTART THE NEW YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS.

LET US NOW UNITE AGAINST ALL THAT IS HINDERING OUR DEVELOPMENT WITH EQUAL VIGOUR AND DETERMINATION SO THAT WE USHER 2018 WITH GOOD REASONS TO CELEBRATE OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE 50/50.

THEREFORE, THE GUIDING THEME FOR THE YEAR FOR EACH ONE OF US SHOULD BE: '**RISING ABOVE ADVERSITY TO CREATE PROSPERITY FOR ALL**'.

### **FISCAL POSITION**

A FALL IN REVENUES FROM SACU, COUPLED WITH A RISE IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING, HAS PUT PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO HONOUR ITS COMMITMENTS TO SUPPLIERS. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT BUSINESSES DO NOT SUFFER.

SACU REVENUES ARE ESTIMATED TO INCREASE FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

TIME HAS COME FOR SERIOUS ACTION IN PUTTING TOGETHER OUR COLLECTIVE WISDOM, SKILLS AND EXPERTISE WHICH ARE BEYOND CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING PROJECTS AND INVESTING IN DIVERSE INDUSTRIES WITH MULTI-BILLION TURNOVER.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO JEOPARDISE NATIONAL PROGRAMMES BY PLACING ALL OUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET.

### **FISCAL DISCIPLINE**

RE-PRIORITISATION IS THE CHALLENGE THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO GRAPPLE WITH IN THE MEDIUM TERM – THERE IS NO OTHER ROUTE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

MORE BUDGET RESOURCES NEED TO BE STRATEGICALLY CHanneled TOWARDS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS NECESSARY FOR INCREASING THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC OUTPUT WHILE WORKING ON REDUCING OUR FISCAL DEFICIT.

THE PUBLIC IS ALSO ENCOURAGED TO PLAY ITS PART TOWARDS THE KINGDOM'S PROSPERITY BY BEING 100% TAX COMPLIANT.

### **NATIONAL CENSUS**

IF WE ARE TO TRANSFORM OUR ECONOMY, WE NEED TO KNOW THE CURRENT STATUS OF EVERY CITIZEN. THIS DATA IS VITAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC AND EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE DIRECTLY.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THIS YEAR, THE COUNTRY WILL CONDUCT A NATIONAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS.

WE INVITE YOUR FULL COOPERATION AS YOU RECEIVE ENUMERATORS IN YOUR HOMES AND PROVIDE THEM WITH DETAILED INFORMATION THAT WILL IN TURN BE USED TO HELP YOU LIVE BETTER LIVES TOMORROW.

### **JOB CREATION**

WE ARE REACHING OUT TO EVERY CITIZEN TO COME OUT IN FULL FORCE TOWARDS CREATING A STRONG ECONOMY THAT WILL HELP US REALISE THE ASPIRATIONS OF VISION 2022.

WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI, TOGETHER WITH HER REGIONAL PARTNERS, HAS CONCLUDED THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (EPA) WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU). WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT BREXIT SHALL HAVE MINIMAL EFFECT ON THE PROGRAMME.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS URGED TO FULLY MAXIMISE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE EPA PROVIDES. KEY TO OUR TRADE AND JOB SUSTAINABILITY RESTS LARGELY ON OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN A FUNCTIONAL AND INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE.

### **SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY**

THIS YEAR OUR INNOVATION PARKS WILL COMMENCE KEY INITIATIVES THAT PRESENT GOOD ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION PROSPECTS FOR THE COUNTRY.

THE NATION WELCOMES ALL THE COMPANIES THAT ARE LINED UP FOR OPERATION AND CONSTRUCTION AT OUR PARKS THIS YEAR.

THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT OUR PARKS WILL ENSURE THAT THESE COMPANIES GROW INTO MULTI-BILLION ENTITIES.

THE COUNTRY HAS SET ITSELF VERY HIGH TARGETS THAT MATCH THE STANDARDS OF OTHER INNOVATION PARKS OF WELL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

TO ACHIEVE THIS CALLS FOR EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND FORGING PARTNERSHIPS WITH WELL-ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL PARKS TO GAIN THE ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE.

IF WELL EXECUTED, WE STAND TO BECOME A GREAT SUCCESS STORY FOR THE REGION.

### **FOOD PRODUCTION**

FOLLOWING THE RECENT RAINS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE WATER HARVESTING INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY, SHOULD REMAIN A TOP PRIORITY FOR GOVERNMENT.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE SUPPORT PLEDGED TOWARDS THE SHORT-TERM PRIORITIZED INVESTMENT PLAN FOR AGRICULTURE WHICH HAS GREAT POTENTIAL TO ADD A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF JOBS FOR OUR PEOPLE.

GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE PROMOTING PROGRAMMES FOR VALUE ADDITION ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND ENHANCING ACCESS TO LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

### **WATER SUPPLY**

THE COUNTRY HAS NOT BEEN SPARED FROM THE SEVERE DROUGHT WHICH HIT THE REGION IN THE PAST 2 YEARS, WHICH INCREASED THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITHOUT ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER.

WE REMAIN STEADFAST IN OUR GOAL TO ENSURE THAT ALL EMASWATI HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER BY THE YEAR 2022.

IN THAT REGARD WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMMISSIONING THE E200 MILLION WATER SUPPLY PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR FRIENDS.

THIS PROJECT WILL BRING CLEAN WATER TO AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 61,000 PEOPLE IN THE SIPHOFANENI, SOMNTONGO AND MATSANJENI TINKHUNDLA WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE LUBOMBO AND SHISELWENI REGIONS.

THE PROJECT WILL HELP THE BENEFICIARY COMMUNITIES OUT OF POVERTY AS THEY WILL NOW BE ABLE TO START SELF-HELP PROJECTS IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING THEIR LIVELIHOOD, THROUGH ACCESS TO ADEQUATE WATER AND SANITATION FACILITIES.

IN THE COMING YEARS, THE COUNTRY IS LOOKING INTO UP-SCALING SUCH PROJECTS WHICH WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE NATION.

## **MINING SECTOR**

THE FULL POTENTIAL OF OUR MINING SECTOR REMAINS UNTAPPED. WE, THEREFORE, NEED TO CONTINUE MAXIMISING OUR MINING LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS COMPETITIVE AND ATTRACTS NEW INVESTMENT.

IN OUR PURSUIT OF EARNING FOREIGN REVENUE WITH OUR MINERALS, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE FULLY HARNESS THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY VALUE ADDITION ON OUR PRODUCTS.

## **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

AN AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY SUPPLY, AS ADVOCATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL NUMBER 7, IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA.



OUR AMBITION TO DEVELOP AN INDEPENDENT ENERGY SUPPLY REMAINS ON COURSE.

GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING A FEASIBILITY STUDY IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PARTNERS ON HOW BEST THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED.

THIS OBJECTIVE IS FURTHER SUPPORTED BY AN INCREASE IN INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS CONTRIBUTING TO THE NATIONAL GRID WHILE PLANS TO EXPAND HYDRO POWER GENERATION ARE ALSO IN THE PIPELINE.

CURRENTLY, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICITY ACCESS RATE WHICH SITS AT 69%. THE CHALLENGE WE PRESENT TO THIS SECTOR TODAY IS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ABOVE 72% BY THE END OF THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

## **EDUCATION**

GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL GRANTS, FREE TEACHING AND LEARNING MATERIALS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND NUTRITIOUS MEALS FOR LEARNERS AND QUALIFIED TEACHERS.

GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO INVEST IN THE EDUCATION AND WELFARE OF MARGINALIZED OR SPECIAL NEEDS AND ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN.

THE GLOBAL ECONOMY IS CHANGING RAPIDLY AND AS NEW TECHNOLOGIES ARE BEING INTRODUCED, GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

THIS WILL FACILITATE THE ACQUISITION OF SKILLS NEEDED BY THE COUNTRY TO TRANSFORM TO A FIRST WORLD STATUS.

## **SADC UNIVERSITY**

THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI HAS LONG PLAYED THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF SERVING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE SADC REGION. THIS TASK HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN PLACED AT OUR DOORSTEP.

GOVERNMENT ALONE CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY DELIVER THE SADC UNIVERSITY OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY.

IT REQUIRES HIGHLY EDUCATED FACILITATORS THAT HAVE THE COMPETENCY TO PRODUCE HIGHLY SKILLED LABOUR AND PROVIDE SOLUTIONS THAT TRANSFORM ECONOMIES.

WE APPEAL TO ALL CITIZENS, COMPANIES AND FRIENDS OF THE KINGDOM, TO COME TOGETHER TO LEND A HAND TOWARDS MAKING THIS PROJECT A REALITY.

## **HIV/AIDS, TB AND MALARIA**

THE DECLINING RATE OF HIV INFECTION AMONG OUR CITIZENS IS ENCOURAGING. HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ELIMINATED.

THIS MEANS WE STILL HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US AS EMASWATI, TO ENSURE THAT WE MEET OUR TARGET OF AN AIDS FREE SOCIETY BY 2022!

WE CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR ABILITY TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO NEW INFECTIONS.

LET US BORROW THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ELIMINATED DISEASES.

FOR THOSE INFECTED WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE THEY LIVE HEALTHY LIVES AND GET THE NECESSARY SUPPLEMENTS AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORT. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN INFECTED SHOULD REMAIN NEGATIVE.

ON THE TUBERCULOSIS FRONT, THE COUNTRY ROLLED OUT INTENSIVE ACTIVE CASE FINDINGS IN 2016 AND THIS STRATEGY WILL ENSURE THAT WE RID OURSELVES OF THE COMPLICATIONS THIS DISEASE BRINGS TO OUR PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS.

### **REDUCTION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY**

THE NATION WELCOMES THE STATE OF THE ART MATERNITY WING AT MBABANE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL AND THE BUILDING OF THE NEW OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT.

THESE FACILITIES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO AN IMPROVED REDUCTION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY AND ACCESS TO GENERAL QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES.

WE SHOULD ALSO WORK HARDER TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY IN THE COUNTRY.

MAY WE REMIND PARENTS TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN FOR VACCINATION AS ONE CHILD POSES A RISK TO 100 MORE CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY IF THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO.

### **SOCIAL WELFARE**

THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE CARE OF THE ELDERLY. THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT REFERENCE FOR GUIDANCE FOR THIS COUNTRY SO EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER THEM.

WE URGE THE NATION TO COME UP WITH STRATEGIES TO COMPLEMENT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN ORDER FOR US TO CREATE A BEFITTING COMFORT FOR THEM DURING THE REMAINING DAYS OF THEIR LIVES.

LET THEM REST KNOWING THAT THE NATION TOOK VERY GOOD CARE OF THEM.

WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM THE NATION THAT SOCIAL GRANTS FOR BOGOGO NABOMKHULU, THE ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN, TOGETHER WITH THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED, WILL BE INCREASED IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

### **JUDICIARY**

IT IS APPLAUDABLE THAT CORRUPTION IS ON THE DECREASE AND OUR GOAL IS NOT TO DECREASE IT BUT TO ELIMINATE IT.

THE APPROVAL OF JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT SPECIALISING IN CORRUPTION, COMMERCIAL AND RELATED CRIMES, IS A COMMENDABLE STEP TOWARDS ADDRESSING SOME OF THE EXISTING SHORTCOMINGS IN THE JUDICIARY.

WE ALSO RECOGNISE THE FACT THAT WE NOW HAVE A FULL SWAZI BENCH OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL. THIS MAKES US FULLY COMPLIANT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION.

WE LOOK TO THESE JUDGES TO ENSURE THAT THEY MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES AND PRESERVE THE CONFIDENCE IN OUR JUDICIARY.

WE NOW NEED TO ENSURE THAT THOSE FOUND GUILTY ARE BROUGHT TO BOOK AND ILLICIT ASSETS RECOVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

THE COUNTRY HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN SEVERAL AREAS OF OUR DEVELOPMENT WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS AND PARTNERS.

WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. PLEASE KINDLY PASS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO YOUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

THE KINGDOM OF E-SWATINI STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT IT IS CRITICAL FOR THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN CO-EXISTENCE WITH EACH OTHER, IN ORDER TO REALIZE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

IT IS EQUALLY ESSENTIAL THAT AS NATIONS OF THE WORLD THERE SHOULD BE RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER, IRRESPECTIVE OF OUR ECONOMIC POWERS AND SIZE OF OUR COUNTRIES.

WE COMMEND THE UNITED NATIONS FOR ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS TOWARDS ATTENDING TO THE SUFFERING OF HUMANKIND.

THE EFFORTS OF THE AFRICAN UNION IN PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ADDRESSING SOME OF THE CONFLICTS THAT WE SEE ON OUR BELOVED CONTINENT, ALSO DESERVE TO BE ENCOURAGED.

WE DO NOT NEED THESE WARS AND CONFLICTS BECAUSE THEY NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR OBJECTIVES AS ENSHRINED IN OUR CONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENTAL AGENDA 2063.

WHAT WE NEED IN AFRICA IS TO CONCENTRATE ALL OUR ENERGIES TO ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ORDER TO CREATE JOBS, FIGHTING DISEASES AND POVERTY TO NAME BUT A FEW.

AS A PEACE LOVING NATION, WE URGE THOSE INVOLVED IN CONFLICT AROUND THE GLOBE TO ENGAGE MEANINGFULLY AND TRUTHFULLY TO FINDING A LASTING SOLUTION TO THEIR DIFFERENCES USING DIALOGUE.

## **CONCLUSION**

WE WISH TO THANK EMASWATI FROM ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY THAT THIS COUNTRY CONTINUES TO ENJOY.

AS WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR, LET US BE UNITED IN FORGING A BRIGHTER AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR ALL. MAY WE PUT ALL THE

CHALLENGES WE FACED THE PREVIOUS YEAR, BEHIND US AND TAP INTO THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT LIE AHEAD.

THE LEVEL OF OUR COMMITMENT WILL DETERMINE THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WE DESIRE FOR THIS COUNTRY. OUR FOREFATHERS PLAYED THEIR PART, NOW WE OWE IT TO THE FUTURE GENERATION TO PLAY OURS.

THIS WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE THROUGH RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER AND PUTTING IN OUR FAIR SHARE OF HARD WORK.

AS WE SAY IN AFRICA;THOSE WHO WASTE TIME ONLY HURT THEMSELVES, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY.

FINALLY, MAY WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATIONS OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

WE WISH OUR PARLIAMENTARIANS FRUITFUL DELIBERATIONS DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

### **DECLARATION**

**I NOW DECLARE THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OFFICIALLY OPEN.**

**I THANK YOU. MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS US ALL.**