

**STATEMENT BY HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI III OF THE  
KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND TO THE SECOND SOUTH  
SUMMIT OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA  
IN DOHA, QATAR, 15 – 16 JUNE 2005**

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**MR. CHAIRMAN**

**YOUR MAJESTIES**

**YOUR EXCELLENCIES HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

**DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

**INTRODUCTION**

LET ME START BY EXPRESSING MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO HIS HIGHNESS, THE EMIR, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF QATAR FOR HOSTING THIS VERY IMPORTANT SECOND SUMMIT OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA. MY DELEGATION AND I ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY ACCORDED TO US SINCE OUR ARRIVAL IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY OF DOHA AND FOR THAT, WE THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY. IN THE SAME VEIN, ALLOW ME MR. CHAIRMAN TO ALSO CONGRATULATE JAMAICA FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE GROUP THUS FAR. THIS IS INDEED A MOMENTOUS OCCASION FOR US TO TAKE STOCK OF THE PROGRESS OUR ORGANISATION HAS MADE IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WE SET FOR OURSELVES AT THE FIRST SUMMIT HELD IN HAVANA IN 2000.

THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND COMES TO THIS MEETING WITH HIGH HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS BECAUSE WE ARE OF THE VIEW THAT THIS SUMMIT IS BEING HELD AT THE MOST OPPORTUNE TIME WHEN WE ARE ALL FOCUSED ON THE FORTHCOMING HIGH LEVEL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA) TO CONSIDER THE MID TERM REVIEW OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs).

**OUR MILLENNIUM PROJECTS**

TO THAT END, I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT FOLLOWING THE UNGA RESOLUTION ON MDGs AT THE BREAK OF THE MILLENNIUM SWAZILAND EMBARKED ON SEVERAL MAJOR ECONOMIC PROJECTS THAT FOCUSED ON, AMONGST OTHER AREAS, DEVELOPING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THIS HAS YIELDED SOME POSITIVE ECONOMIC RESULTS.

HAVING REVIEWED PROGRESS ON OUR MILLENNIUM PROJECTS, AND IN LINE WITH OUR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND OUR POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN, WE HAVE SINCE EMBARKED ON A NEW ECONOMIC APPROACH THAT EMPHASIZES THE INJECTION OF APPROPRIATE CAPITAL FOR FAST TRACKING OUR ECONOMY THROUGH JOB CREATION AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. I SHALL BE LAUNCHING THIS UNPRECEDENTED PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECT BEFORE THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

THE LACK OF ADEQUATE RESOURCES CONTINUES TO HAMPER OUR BROADER DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND WELCOMES THE PROPOSAL BY THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE FACILITY TO SUPPORT AN IMMEDIATE FRONT-LOADING OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA), UNDERPINNED BY SCALED UP COMMITMENTS TO ACHIEVING THE 0.7 PER CENT ODA TARGET BY 2015.

#### DEBT CANCELLATION

THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND APPLAUDS THE NOBLE STEP TAKEN BY OUR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS IN THE NORTH WITH REGARD TO DEBT CANCELLATION. SHOULD THE G8 IMPLEMENT THIS PROPOSAL, IT WILL GO A LONG WAY IN ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

WE MUST HOWEVER, HASTEN TO STATE THAT IN ORDER FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO REALISE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THE NORTH MUST ALLOW THE CREATION OF AN ENVIRONMENT FOR FAIR AND EQUITABLE TRADE IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. OUR PEOPLE ARE EQUIPPED AND READY TO PRODUCE.

ALL THAT IS REQUIRED ARE MORE MARKETS SO AS TO ENABLE OUR CITIZENS TO EARN WHAT IS RIGHTLY DUE TO THEM FOR THEIR HARD WORK. HOWEVER WE CONTINUE TO NEED ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO ENABLE OUR PRODUCTS TO COMPETE IN THESE MARKETS. I WISH TO URGE THE COUNTRIES OF THE NORTH TO CONTINUE CONSIDERING THE PLIGHT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH REGARDS TO ACCESSING INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

#### SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT A RENEWED SPIRIT TO CONFRONT GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND THE NEED TO REINFORCE SOUTH -SOUTH COOPERATION (SSC) HAS EMERGED IN RECENT YEARS.

THIS NEW SENSE OF COMMITMENT AND WILLINGNESS TO CREATE AND CONSOLIDATE NEW PARTNERSHIPS AMONGST OURSELVES WILL HELP US BOLSTER OUR ECONOMIES IN THIS GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT OF DISPARITY.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE HAVANA DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ARTICULATES HOW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH COULD WORK OUT A COMMON VISION AND FORMULATE A PLATFORM TO GIVE EXPRESSION TO THE CONCERNS AND OBJECTIVES SHARED BY OUR COUNTRIES.

WE WELCOME THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SESSION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION HELD IN NEW YORK. THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THIS MEETING WILL IN OUR VIEW SUPPORT OUR SHARED DESIRE TO ADVANCE THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTRIES.

WE ALSO APPLAUD THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE FOLLOW UP TO THE MILLENNIUM SUMMIT PARTICULARLY HIS PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN THE UN'S CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO CHALLENGES OF ADVANCING THE MDGs.

WE SUPPORT HIS VIEW THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE ORGANISATION SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM ITS PARTNERSHIPS AND COALITIONS, AS WELL AS FROM STREAMLINING ITS VARIOUS MANDATES IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS.

SECURITY COUNCIL REFORMS

LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MAKE IT MORE BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE AND MORE TRANSPARENT. IN THIS REGARD THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND AFFIRMS ITS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE EZULWINI CONSENSUS THAT REPRESENTS THE AFRICAN POSITION IN THE OVERALL REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

I AM HAPPY TO AFFIRM MY COUNTRY'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO AND SUPPORT FOR THE DOHA DECLARATION AND THE DOHA PLAN OF ACTION TO BE ADOPTED AT THIS SUMMIT.

I THANK YOU!!!