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***STATEMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF
SWAZILAND AT THE 3RD ARAB -AFRICA
SUMMIT HELD IN THE STATE OF KUWAIT ON
THE***

(19TH -20TH NOVEMBER 2013)

DELIVERED

***BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT
HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER, DR.
BARNABAS SIBUSISO DLAMINI***

- *Your Highness, the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah*
- *Your Majesties, Highnesses and Excellencies the Heads of the State and Government*
- *Your Excellencies the Chairperson of the African Commission and the Secretary- General of the Arab League*
- *Your Excellencies Ministers of Foreign Affairs*
- *Honourable Ministers*
- *Excellencies Members of the Diplomatic Corps*
- *Senior Government Officials*
- *Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen*

Firstly at the outset kindly allow me to convey the greetings of His Majesty King Mswati III, the Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland. His Majesty the King had hoped to be among you, His Brothers and Sisters, however due to inescapable national duties He could not travel to be with you.

Secondly, please allow me to convey the deepest appreciation of the delegation of the Kingdom of Swaziland and myself to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir, the Government and the people of the State of Kuwait for the warm welcome and excellent facilities extended to us since our arrival in the State of Kuwait and all this is testimony to the renowned Status of His Highness and State of Kuwait as first class host.

Chairperson, the Speakers before me have emphasized the importance of the meeting and mine would be to add that this Summit is an endorsement of the historical relations that have existed over time between Africa and the Arab World.

As we may all recall, during the 2nd Summit 2010 in Sirte, we identified four major areas of cooperation and these are:

- i) Peace and security, economic affairs,*
- ii) Trade and finance,*
- iii) Agriculture and food security, and*
- iv) Socio – cultural cooperation*

Therefore, my delegation believes that what needs to be done now is the establishment of an assessment and evaluation mechanism to track progress made in these areas.

Furthermore, for this cooperation to advance, the Kingdom of Swaziland strongly recommends the need to further strengthen our solidarity and strategic partnership through implementable priority projects in the areas of transportation, trade, investment, energy, Information & communication technology and agriculture.

On its part, the Kingdom of Swaziland has readily available infrastructure and has put in place processes to expedite and implement some of the initiatives in line with the Arab-Africa Cooperation.

With regards to the problems related to migration, my delegation endorses the establishment of a technical and coordination committee. This, we believe, will strengthen cooperation in the management of migration; provides sound advice to member states on issues related to

migration; and address problems related to the human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.

My delegation wishes to underscore the importance of reviewing the modalities of the financing mechanism with a view to specify timelines and increase funding to be made available by both the African and Arab financial institutions.

Furthermore, my delegation wishes to thank and salute all the countries that have provided the much needed financial support to the causes of our cooperation. In this regard my delegation pays tribute to His Highness, the Amir of the State of Kuwait, for the One Billion US dollars soft loan he announced this morning.

Chairperson, my delegation re-affirms our full support towards the resolution of the Palestine-Israel conflict.

We also thank the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the African Union Commission, the Arab League and the Senior Officials for the commendable work they done in preparation for the Summit.

We are convinced that the Heads of the State and Government are now in good position to deliberate and come out with desired out-comes during the Summit.

Finally, my delegation congratulates the State of Kuwait for hosting the 3rd Arab-Africa Summit.

I thank you,,,