



May I start by extending our congratulations to you and the other members of the Delegation on your election and state that my delegation and

I look forward to fruitful deliberations on the topical theme under discussion.

At the onset may I underscore that the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland takes full cognizance of the critical importance of demographic and socio-economic data and analysis towards the realization of our national development goals and aspirations and towards the economic

datasets on global and local indicators obtained through national surveys and censuses and other data sources.

of the demographic data that is collected due to resource constraints. It is also recognized that the available statistical information is not being optimally utilized hence action is being taken to expedite relevant