



Statement by

Honourable Mr. Mohapi Mohapinyane, Minister of Energy and Meteorology During the Africa Regional Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action in preparation for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

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Moderator

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you Moderator for giving me the floor. At the outset I wish to indicate that Lesotho like other LDCs remains committed and at the top of action in championing climate action and accelerating energy transition.

Moderator, the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) face a range of pressures and challenges that undermine their economic and social development efforts, and their achievement of all the UN sustainable development goals. Climate change is the threat to human and natural systems globally, and adds to these pressures; In Lesotho, extreme weather events have increased in frequency and magnitude resulting in loss of lives and property. Access to climate finance to

longer accessible. In this instance, **Moderator**, we call on our development partners to support long-term capacity