

STATEMENT BY

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threshold of 66 or above, and the Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI) is at 42 which is higher than the graduation threshold of 32 or below.

Mr. President,

Although we did not meet the graduation criteria, significant progress has been made in Lesotho's effort to graduate out of this category, though we still face challenges that continue to limit our productive and absorptive capacity, growth in our export base; adequate trade and investment flows,

