



**Statement by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of
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President of the General Assembly,

Your Excellencies Heads of State and Government,

Mr. Secretary General,

Distinguished Delegates,

Mr. President

Lesotho is committed to ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy by 2030 in line with SDG7. In her efforts to attain this, Lesotho has formulated its National Strategic Development Plan 2018/2023, Energy Policy (2015-2025) and Electrification Masterplan which together place strong emphasis on sustainable energy production and access, and explicitly recognises availability of ample renewable energy resources in Lesotho.

With nine years before the test date for SDG7, critical generation and access challenges remain. Domestic electricity production is only 45 percent of daily needs, while access by households, schools and health facilities stand at only 40 percent of needs. Clearly there is still a lot of hard lifting before achieving our national and global goals.

The Electrification Masterplan proposes a two-pronged strategy focusing on grid extension and off-grid solutions, financed by domestic and partner resources. On the generation side, plans

are at different stages of preparation but include a hydropower plant that will increase domestic generation by 50 percent of daily needs, two solar power projects