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The Kingdom of Eswatini is proud to be a member of the Organisation of Africa, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), and is honoured to extend congratulations and felicitations to the Organisation on its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, since it's inception in the year 1975.

This year marks the beginning of a new era for the Organisation, with the adoption of the Nairobi Nguvu Ya Pamoja Declaration and the Review of the Georgetown Agreement, by our Heads of State and Government in Kenya. This year's theme "**The Power of Change**" is befitting of an institution undergoing a metamorphosis from the ACP and graduating to the OACPS which is fully committed to multilateralism and enhanced South-South, North-South, and Triangular Cooperation.

Furthermore, the appointment of H.E. Dr. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, as Secretary General of the OACPS, lends hope to the strengthening of relations between the organisation and regional institutions.

As we approach the conclusion of the OACPS-EU Post-Cotonou Agreement negotiations, it is paramount that "**The Power of Change**" becomes evident in fortifying the four decade long cooperation that subsists between the OACPS and it's valued partner, the EU.

In conclusion, may "**The Power of Change**" positively impact poverty eradication initiatives in our respective communities and may this revolutionary change culminate in the socio-economic elevation of our nations and peoples.

I Thank You

