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**I WANT SAFETY
AND EQUALITY
FOR SWAZI
WOMEN**

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Dear Hon. Prime Minister,

I am writing to share my concern about the rights of women in Swaziland. Scores of draft laws to promote gender equality were prepared in Swaziland by 2009 with EU and UN support. Yet little progress appears to have been made towards enacting these vital bills.

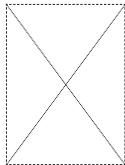
As a result, Swazi women are not adequately protected from sexual and domestic violence and from forced or early marriages. They also have no legal protection from rape by their husbands.

It is encouraging that parliament amended a law earlier this year in order to enable married women to own immovable property, such as their homes. However, legal restrictions still remain that deny most married women status as legal adults and limits their ability to administer property, sign contracts or conduct legal proceedings.

I am urging you to ensure the repeal of legislation that discriminates against women and speedily enact new laws which comply with Swaziland's obligations under the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and other human rights standards.

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