

GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI



PRESS STATEMENT

AID FUNDING FREEZE BY PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ADMINISTRATION

Government notes the public concerns following the abrupt freezing of foreign aid pending a review by United States President Donald Trump's administration.

Whilst acknowledging the devastating impact that this Executive Order will have on developing Nations such as ours, it is equally important to acknowledge that the United States is within their sovereign right to put "America First." Therefore, as a sovereign Nation ourselves, we are obligated to respect other Nations' decisions.

However, Government would like to assure emaSwati that we consider this a matter of urgent priority. Therefore, arrangements to engage the United States, through diplomatic channels, have already been made. As such, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation will be meeting with the United States Embassy in Eswatini this week for further appraisal on this matter.

Government will keep the Nation updated of developments in that regard. In the meantime, Government implores emaSwati to remain positive as we await the conclusion of this matter.

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