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international community. Limiting factors to further expansion in the diplomatic field are financial and human, that is, a shortage of cash and suitably qualified officials.

We are not only reviewing bilateral and multilateral treaties inherited at Independence, but have also signed new ones, like the Conventions on Transit Trade of Land-locked States and Settlement of Investment Disputes. We have up-dated legislation on Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities which will bring us into line with current international practice.

The current review of our political and economic relations with the Republic of South Africa will, among other things, result in a new Customs Agreement, an Extradition Treaty and a change in the status, structure and functions of the Rand Agencies, which are at present responsible for tax collection and the welfare of Basotho working there. The policy of peaceful co-existence between us and our neighbour is opposed by many people, both within and outside our countries, who will not hesitate to use any unpleasant incidents to undermine or damage our good relations. In the conduct of our affairs, we shall do all in our power not to allow these agitators to succeed. However, the acceptance of peaceful co-existence does not mean that we are unmindful of our duty and responsibility to our citizens in South Africa. We have noted with alarm the death of some of our people at the hands of South African citizens, and have not hesitated to express our concern to the South African authorities. While it is not our wish to interfere in the internal affairs of South Africa or to disrupt the maintenance of law and order along the borders of our States, we believe that it is also the wish of the people of South Africa not to embarrass Lesotho or mar the good relations existing between us. Our stand against all forms of violence is well known, hence our deep concern about these incidents which can only lead to fear, mutual suspicion and a feeling of insecurity on both sides of the border.

We subscribe to the ideals embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and are proud of our membership of the Organisation for African Unity and the Commonwealth. We are convinced of the important rôles which these organisations can play in settling disputes through discussion, mediation and arbitration. These bodies not only provide us with a platform for the expression of our views, but also for hearing the views of our friends and, indeed, the views of people with whom we do

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