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STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
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It has come to the Government's notice that certain employers in Lesotho completely disregard the rights of their employees. It frequently occurs that Basotho labourers are dismissed for the most frivolous of reasons. Some are treated with contempt by their employers. It has also been reported that certain foremen and overseers use abusive language to Basotho labourers. The Government take a very serious view of these matters, and will not tolerate that any of the Basotho people be insulted or maltreated. Respect for human rights and the fundamental dignity of each person are embodied in our Constitution. Employees' rights are protected in our Labour Legislation.

If a Worker serves his employer loyally and faithfully, he is entitled to his just wage and security of employment. He is to be respected by his employer as a citizen and a human being.

The Government hopes that no further infringements occur from now on. Firm action will be taken if any new report of maltreatment reaches us.