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## Statement by Armenia

The Republic of Armenia warmly welcomes the delegation of Switzerland to the UPR and thanks them for their presentation.

We appreciate detailed presentation of the delegation of Switzerland that showed us the important achievements of the country.

We particularly appreciate the balanced policy towards the national and religious minorities that is felt by the Armenian community and we emphasize the highest commitment of Switzerland to justice, impartiality and human values.

Armenia appreciates the constant policy of Switzerland for the protection of people with disabilities.

We note as well that the migration management still remains a very important challenge for the country.

We would like to make the following recommendations:

- To continue effective implementation of the article 261 bis of the criminal code that highly contributes to the elimination of impunity and prevents crime against humanity and particularly genocide,

to continue measures for the implementation of effective migration policies,

 to continue the policy of protection of national minorities and promotion of religious tolerance