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Madam President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Switzerland to the second cycle of the UPR and commends Switzerland for its longstanding commitment to freedom and human rights. We appreciate Switzerland's commitment to implement the recommendations of the first cycle of the UPR. We would, nonetheless, like to draw the attention of the Swiss government to the following issue:

- 1.) With regard to **Article 16 §1g of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)** Germany recommends Switzerland to **withdraw its reservations** - especially in view of the modifications of the Swiss naming rights and citizenship law which are foreseen to enter into force in January 2013.

I thank you Madam President.