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**Statement by the  
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**Madam President,**

My delegation welcomes the participation of the Switzerland in the second cycle of the UPR process and thanks them for presenting the update national report to the working group.

My delegation welcomes the revision of the Constitution to reinforce guarantees regarding access to justice and the independence of the judiciary by Switzerland.

**Madam president,**

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to be considered by the Government of Switzerland:

-Agree on comprehensive legislation in a manner that all economic, social and cultural rights can be homogeneously addressed by the Federal Government and the cantons; and guarantee effective judicial remedies for the violations of the rights enshrined therein,

-Take legal proceedings on such complaints as to racial discrimination and incitement to racial or religious hatred,

- Take appropriate measures in combating racist, islamophobic and xenophobic attitudes in the county particularly against members of the Muslim community, and also adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination law to be enforced uniformly and throughout the Confederation.

-Increase its efforts to carry out public-awareness campaigns on the negative effects of violence against children, especially corporal punishment.

-Reinforce its measures in the new National Strategy to Combat Poverty so that the disadvantaged and marginalized individuals and groups would benefit.

Thank you