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Thank you, Madame President.

We thank the Swiss authorities for the national report and the presentation today. The outstanding commitment of Switzerland towards the promotion and protection of human rights is commendable and we praise the country under review for the role played in the United Nations on important topics, such as human-rights education and transitional justice.

There are reported cases of racist and xenophobic attitudes targeting foreigners in Switzerland. In light of the concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we would kindly ask the distinguished delegation to further elaborate on the theme of racial profiling. Moreover, after the work done recently by the Federal Commission against Racism, we would be interested to know more about the findings related to the category of discrimination in the field of employment.

Italy welcomes the achievements of Switzerland in terms of gender equality. In this regard, what is the stage of implementation of the Action Plan prepared in 2009 after the examination by CEDAW of the third Swiss periodic report to this treaty body?

Italy has no recommendations to make to Switzerland.

I thank you, Madame President.

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