**Universal Periodic Review 14 – Switzerland**

**Intervention by the Netherlands**

**Switzerland**

Madam President,

The government of the Netherlands likes to thank the government of Switzerland for its national report and mr/mrs (?) for his/her extensive and clear statement explaining the human rights situation in Switzerland even further.

The Netherlands commends the government of Switzerland on its good overall human rights record. Various measures have been taken to further improve the protection of human rights, but challenges still remain. One of these areas is the area of gender equality, especially in the labour market. The Netherlands recommends Switzerland to reduce the inequalities in the labour market by adopting and implementing an effective strategy, with special attention for women.

The Netherlands is pleased to note that many NGO’s were consulted, including the organization of two discussion days involving different stakeholders, in the process of preparation of the national report. The Netherlands hopes that Switzerland will keep up its good work and we recommend the consultation of NGO’s in the follow-up of the UPR outcome, in order to achieve practical application and implementation of the recommendations.

Thank you, Madam President.