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Madam President,

We thank the distinguished delegation of Switzerland for their presentation and for answers provided to our advance questions. We are pleased to note that Switzerland has taken steps to implement Slovenia's recommendations from the first UPR cycle.

We commend Switzerland for its active role in the Human Rights Council and for its efforts for the improvement of human rights around the world, including through its considerable humanitarian and development aid and regular voluntary contributions to the OHCHR. We note the progress Switzerland has made since the first UPR review, especially the ratification of OP-CAT and the establishment of the National Commission for the Prevention of Torture.

Furthermore, we welcome the establishment of the Swiss Resource Center for Human Rights as a pilot project, which, however, does not comply with the Paris Principles for national human rights institutions. We therefore **recommend** that Switzerland adopts the necessary measures to convert the Resource Center for Human Rights into a national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles, giving to it a broad human rights mandate.

We also **recommend** that Switzerland withdraws its remaining reservations to the CRC and CEDAW conventions.

Thank you.