**Statement by Hungary on Switzerland**

**28th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**9 November 2017**

**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Switzerland and thanks for the national report and the update.

We commend that since the last UPR Switzerland has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and has taken important measures to mainstream equality for persons with disabilities in almost all areas of life. We also welcome Switzerland’s efforts to counter trafficking, including the adoption of a new National Action Plan to Fight Human Trafficking in November 2016.

Hungary recommends that Switzerland:

1. Establish a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) fully consistent with the Paris Principles, ensure its independence and allocate sufficient resources to it.
2. Continue its efforts aimed at ensuring the compatibility of popular initiatives with international human rights standards and fundamental rights contained in the Constitution.
3. Formalize the statelessness determination procedure and ensure that the procedure is fair, effective and accessible to all persons in Switzerland regardless of their legal status; ensure that the definition of “stateless person” is fully consistent with the definition provided in the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**