**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of Switzerland***

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Mr. President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the high level Delegation of Switzerland and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Bulgaria notes with appreciation that Switzerland has taken relevant actions to implement not only most of the accepted recommendations of the second cycle of UPR but also has achieved positive developments in the promotion and protection of human rights on certain topics not covered under the specific recommendations of the cycle.

We welcome that Switzerland has acceded to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communication procedure.

Bulgaria commends the achievements of Switzerland in the dual education system, which we regard as an effective means for improving the social integration and raising the youth employment rate.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendation to Switzerland:

• To accede to the first Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We wish the Delegation of Switzerland a successful outcome of the review!

Thank you, Mr. President!