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**Statement by the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bhutan**

Bhutan thanks the delegation of Switzerland for the comprehensive presentation of their national report. We note the long standing commitment of Switzerland in promoting and protecting human rights and its support in promoting sustainable development through its humanitarian and development programs.

We welcome the adoption of a law to establish a national human rights institution and the adoption of the Equality Strategy 2030.

We note the measures taken to promote the rights of women, such as legislative amendments related to protection of victims of domestic violence.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue and friendship, we recommend the following:

1. To take further measures to reduce the gender pay gap.
2. To take further measures to ensure availability and affordability of childcare services (through measures such as increased public funding for day-care nurseries and introduction of a childcare allowance).
3. Consider further reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and ensure effective implementation of the Federal Council strategy of net zero emissions by 2050.

We wish Switzerland a successful review.

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