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**State under Review - Switzerland**

**1 minute**

**Friday 27 January 2023 9:00-12:30, Room XX at Palais des Nation**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Fiji welcomes the delegation of Switzerland and thanks it for the presentation of their national report.

Switzerland’s commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights at both foreign and domestic policy levels are commendable. Switzerland’s assistance, partnership and cooperation has assisted our efforts to strengthen our presence and our voice in the multilateral fora here in Geneva.

Fiji congratulates Switzerland for its commitment to poverty alleviation. The National Platform against Poverty and its poverty monitoring system are commendable initiatives aimed at, assessing, addressing, monitoring and preventing poverty.

In the spirit of corporation, Fiji **recommends** that Switzerland:

1. Report on its efforts and progress towards addressing climate change and its impacts on human rights; and
2. Strengthen and implement relevant domestic legislation to protect and promote the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment and its associated impacts on other rights.

I thank you. *(149 words)*