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**German Recommendations**

**Switzerland**

Mister Vice-President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of Switzerland.

Germany commends Switzerland for establishing a National Human Rights Institution and for the legalization of same-sex marriage.

Germany therefore recommends to:

* provide the NHRI with the necessary financial and human resources to ensure its independence and to enable it to carry out its mandate in accordance with the Paris Principles
* include torture as a criminal offence in national legislation, defined in accordance with the UN Convention against Torture (CAT) and to penalize it with appropriate punitive measures
* provide families with intersex children with adequate counselling
* introduce an appropriate legal framework so that the publication of information of public interest is not hindered and whistleblowers are not criminalized

Thank you, Mister Vice-President.