**Statement by Kazakhstan**

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Kazakhstan welcomes the delegation of the Swiss Confederation and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We commend Switzerland’s strong commitment to tackle human trafficking. and domestic violence, including the establishment of awareness campaigns. Kazakhstan also appreciates the country’s work to promote and protect children’s rights and gender equality, including the adoption the Equality Strategy 2030 in 2021.

My delegation would like to make the following **recommendations**:

- Increase opportunities for women to gain access to formal employment and ensure equal pay for work of equal value;

- Continue its good efforts to combat hate crimes in communities and share its best practices with other Member countries;

* Promote intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding between the majority and the different minority groups, as well as religious communities.

We wish the delegation of the Swiss Confederation a successful review.