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**Statement by Türkiye**

Mr. President,

Türkiye welcomes the delegation of Switzerland and thanks them for their presentation.

Türkiye recommends Switzerland to:

-Intensify efforts to combat racism, discrimination, xenophobia, Islamophobia and to prevent racial and ethnic profiling by law enforcement, as well as bias by judiciary.

-Amend the provisions of the Swiss Banking Act that hinder freedom of expression.

-Revise Article 261bis of the Swiss Penal Code on discrimination and hate crimes, in line with the decision of the European Court of Human Rights regarding the Perinçek case.

-Define torture as an independent crime under the Federal Criminal Code in line with the definition provided in the Convention Against Torture.

-Ratify Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

-Implement GRECO recommendations concerning members of the judiciary with regard their appointment process and their association with political parties.

-Make the newly created National Human Rights Institution functional by giving it the mandate to consider individual complaints.

Thank you.