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**Statement by Slovakia**

27 January 2023

President,

We appreciate Switzerland`s proactive engagement regarding the unprecedented humanitarian challenge, especially the help to Ukrainian refugees.

We appreciate the efforts of Switzerland to achieve goals of action plans concerning human rights, gender equality and equal opportunities. We encourage the Swiss government to further improve the conditions for women, with respect to equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

Slovakia offers following recommendations to Switzerland for further consideration:

1. Intensify the work on antidiscrimination legislation leading towards the adoption of the general anti-discrimination law;
2. Develop National Action Plan on racial discrimination;
3. Consider the accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
4. Consider the accession to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

I thank you, President.