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Thank you, Mr. President,

Israel welcomes the delegation of Switzerland to the UPR, and would like to thank it for its report.

Israel takes note of Switzerland longstanding commitment to the promotion of human rights both domestically and as a foreign policy agenda. We also recognize the progress made by Switzerland since its last UPR in several areas, such as the adoption of a new National Action Plan on human trafficking, and the passing of a Federal Act on the Proscription of radical Islamist movements, to name a few.

Israel would like to recommend Switzerland the following:

1. Take further measures to bring down the wide pay gap that still exists between men and women in the workplace, reportedly reaching as high as 30%, by assisting women to reconcile work and family life.
2. Provide training to security forces, prosecutors, judges, and social workers, to prevent discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and to promote awareness-raising campaigns on the topic to teachers and students, as well as the broader public.
3. Strengthen the efforts to ensure inclusive education without discrimination for children with disabilities, and guide all cantons to refrain from a segregated approach.

Israel would like to take this opportunity to wish Switzerland every success in its review.

Thank you.