



**Pledge submitted by Switzerland to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Switzerland is committed to preventing and combatting violence against women and girls, both online and offline, a priority reaffirmed in its 2030 Equality Strategy. In order to accelerate progress we will develop minimal training standards of key stakeholders such as the police and sexual and reproductive health professionals. Switzerland will also strengthen the rights of persons with disabilities, their protection against discrimination, and their full participation in social, economic and political life. To this end, it will improve their access to justice and seriously consider the ratification of the additional protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2024

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Responsible business conduct is a prerequisite for sustainable development and the protection of human rights. Switzerland will update its National Action Plan for the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for 2024-2027 in an inclusive process and thereby contribute to strengthening respect for human rights in the context of economic activities.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Switzerland reaffirms the central role of human rights in the prevention of conflict, which we also take into account as a member of the UN Security Council. We will pursue our longstanding commitment to Dealing with the Past as we are convinced that addressing histories of violence is essential to achieving lasting peace. Switzerland will for example support the OHCHR in the implementation of the Secretary General's Guidance Note on Transitional Justice and the New Agenda for Peace.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Switzerland will further support the OHCHR with an increased core contribution of 5.5 million per year over the next two years with the objective to support its mandate to promote and protect all human rights worldwide and to enhance the Office's flexibility. This includes support to the Human Rights Advisors Programme, which is a unique catalyst to enable upholding human rights at country level.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 5: In line with our Foreign Policy Strategy 2024-2027, Switzerland will remain committed to ensuring the respect of the right to freedom of expression, the prevention of torture, abolition of the death penalty and the protection of minorities and other vulnerable groups, as well as the promotion of gender equality and women's human rights. In all our efforts, we will continue to emphasise civil society participation and the protection of human rights defenders.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2027