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Mr. Chairman,

It is an honour for me to address you on behalf of CANZ, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Norway, Turkey and my own delegation Switzerland. Our delegations welcome the presentation of the report of the Secretary-General concerning this agenda item as well as that of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Mr. Chairman,

The human rights treaty bodies are the cornerstone of the implementation and monitoring of the international conventions aimed at ensuring respect for human rights. They are a key component of the human rights pillar of the United Nations.

The intergovernmental process in the General Assembly plenary, launched in February 2012, aimed at strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system. It was completed at the beginning of this year with a draft resolution that reflects the consensus of Member States.

Our delegations welcome this balanced result, which is the fruit of two years of negotiations. We firmly believe that it will help strengthen the human rights pillar of the United Nations.