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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Switzerland.

Our delegation would like to congratulate the Interim Independent Assessment Panel on the adoption of its report and to thank it for its important work. The report testifies to how far the UN has come in establishing a fair, independent and effective system for the administration of justice in the seven years since the 2009 reform. It is now for the General Assembly to take the requisite steps to further improve the system, where improvement is necessary.

We welcome the reports of the Secretary-General and the Internal Justice Council in response to the Panel's recommendations. We endorse the Secretary-General's proposal to add three permanent full-time judges to the Dispute Tribunal to replace the *ad litem* judges, which we consider important for preserving judicial independence. We also endorse the Secretary-General's recommendation to create additional posts in the Management Evaluation Unit, the Office of Staff Legal Assistance, and the Registries. We are convinced that the system for the administration of justice must be adequately re-

