Rio+20 PrepCom 1 Switzerland's comments on the Co-Chair's Summary

Thank you Mr. Chair,

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This conference will offer us the opportunity to strengthen the institutional framework for Sustainable Development. As highlighted by your summary, we need a better coordination and cooperation among international organizations and processes to reduce the fragmentation that affects the different features of Sustainable Development. Indeed, we need the three pillars of Sustainable Development to converge. Nonetheless, as stressed by other delegations, there is a need not only for strong and coordinated institutions, but also for clear goals.

In this context, the experience of the MDGs could be taken into account. The MDG agenda plaid undoubtedly a catalytic role fostering global political action for development.

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Add at the end: It was highlighted that a clear overview of the existing commitments and objectives would be crucial to ensure visibility and coherence and strengthen commitment. The hope was expressed that the Rio+20 Conference, building on the experience of the MDGs, will make also a concrete contribution with regard to clarifying and further reinforcing our common goals and that addressing this challenge could make the Rio+20 conference a summit.

To conclude, let me express the gratefulness of the Swiss delegation to you and to the other members of the Bureau for the restless efforts you have deployed in this first PrepCom. We welcome the very constructive atmosphere that has characterised our works under your guidance. The discussions have been fruitful, and it seems that we have a concrete roadmap to lead us in the preparation of the 2012 Conference.