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Mr. President,

I have the honour to make this statement on behalf of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and my own country Switzerland.

We fully support the Secretary-General's leadership on the vital task of reforming the UN in the context of the UN80 initiative and we welcome that this resolution recognizes the importance of the Membership providing him with the necessary space and political backing for this process.

Today, more than ever, we need a UN that keeps its promise to the Peoples of this world across all three pillars of its work. To that effect, it will need to become more efficient as well as more effective. Such a reform should be ambitious and strategic. It must be built on the existing assets of the organization and lead to sustainable and long-term efficiencies, while avoiding fragmentation. At the same time, existing reforms can be continued and must be completed.

We therefore look forward to receiving the Secretary-General's recommendations in his report at the end of the month and look forward to his guidance on how to bring the reform process forward. We encourage all Member States to consider how we can best contribute to this end.

As we noted during the negotiations, we were not fully convinced that the timing of this resolution was optimal or conducive to the ongoing discussions. We would have preferred to have the opportunity to reflect on the Secretary-General's report and its proposals in the resolution.

We nonetheless support this consensus which we consider the initial, but empowering signal to the Secretary-General that the Member States are fully engaged on the question of the UN80 reform process.

Thank you.