

Intervention Switzerland – General comments on the NUA Zero Draft

- Switzerland congratulates the Bureau for their excellent work drafting the zero draft of the New Urban Agenda. We consider the zero draft to a large extent a solid, comprehensive and integrated document - and certainly a very positive starting point into the discussion of the weeks and months to come.
- We would like to take this opportunity to make very few comments with regard to the zero draft's structure:
 - We very much appreciate the **alignement and link with the 2030 Agenda throughout the entire structure** of the zero draft, and in particular the understanding that the NUA shall operationalizes the 2030 Agenda.
 - However, in our view more emphasis should be put on making the document even **more action oriented** - including by **more specifically referring to relevant SDGs and targets**.
 - With regard the dimensions of sustainable development, is that in our view the **environmental integration** is overall rather **poorly articulated** in the NUA zero draft.
 - Further, we do see potential to **get rid of some duplications** within the document as well as to be **more coherent between the sections**, throughout the structure. For example, major commitments in part A are to be addressed by the effective implementation measures in part B.
- Several **important subjects to sustainable urban development** are already well reflected in the zero draft, such as e.g. the transversal themes 'urban migration' or the 'gender dimension' - whereas we also see potential to strengthen or specify several elements thereof.
- Switzerland is looking forward to comment the text in a more specific way in the course of the week, when discussions arrive at the respective sections of the zero draft.