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**Switzerland's Commitment
to the implementation of the Political Declaration
on the occasion of the
International Preventing Sexual Violence in
Conflict (PSVI) Initiative Conference**

London, 28 – 29 November 2022

Conflict-related sexual violence is rooted in gender inequality and occurs with other forms of gender-based violence (GBV). **Gender equality** and all aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 5 are an important objective of Switzerland's International Cooperation Strategy; ending GBV is a priority of humanitarian protection.

Switzerland has a long track-record of working on GBV, such as with its flagship community-based psychosocial programme in the Great Lakes Region. It has tripled its **funding for GBV prevention and response** in humanitarian contexts over the last four years. Switzerland reaffirms its commitment to the *Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action* and the *Call to Action on Protection from GBV in Emergencies (CtA)* to contribute CHF 60 million (2021 – 2025). Together with other CtA members, Switzerland will push the humanitarian system to prioritise GBV. It will ensure that **survivor networks and local women-led organisations** will have the voice and funding to shape GBV prevention and response.

Switzerland contributes to **strengthening justice** for conflict-related sexual violence survivors through its partnership with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict and other gender justice initiatives. Through its new partnership with the Global Survivors Fund, Switzerland will contribute CHF 675'000 to the advocacy work for **survivor-centred reparations**, with a focus on children born of conflict-related sexual violence. Furthermore, Switzerland will encourage its partners in the human rights and GBV space to engage with the **Murad Code**.

Switzerland has long been a strong supporter of the Women, Peace and Security agenda, and will, as an elected member of the **UN Security Council** from 2023, advocate for a systematic implementation of this agenda across the UN Security Council's work.

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