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In the frame of the second Universal Periodic Review of Switzerland by the UN Human Rights Council, forty-seven Swiss NGOs active in the field of human and fundamental rights as well as in other specialized domains have worked in a coalition to submit this joint report on the human rights situation in Switzerland.

The Report aims to identify the main priorities and key recommendations to enhance respect for the human rights in Switzerland.

The information contained in this report are the result of a wide consultation and reflects the various perspectives of the member organizations of the coalition<sup>1</sup>.

CODAP Geneva, humanrights.ch and the Swiss Section of Amnesty International form the steering committee which has edited the present report. The list of the organizations composing the Swiss NGO coalition is to be found in the appendix to the joint report.

The NGO report is structured into the following chapters:

- I. Legal framework / Institutional questions / Ratifications (Items 1-10)
- II. Protection against discrimination / Vulnerable minorities / Gender (Items 11-22)
- III. Foreigners' and Asylum Law (Items 23-35)
- IV. Police and judiciary (Items 36-37)
- V. Economy / Social rights (Items 38-41)

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<sup>1</sup>. Amnesty International has contributed information to the following sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 35, and 38 [or 37]