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Dear Human Beings,
Mister President,
Excellency's,
Dear Swiss delegation,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear webcasters,

Good afternoon,

The Center for Global Nonkilling welcomes with immense happiness, and sends its direct thanks to the delegations of Angola, Lebanon and Mexico, of Switzerland for making and accepting the recommendations regarding suicide prevention.

Suicide is, according to WHO statistics, the second leading cause of violent death in the world, after automobile traffic. To recognize and accept, in the context of the realization of the right to life, that the prevention of suicide is a duty of the State, is an immense progress for all humanity. Thank you.

It must be known that they are as many suicides as the number of deaths due, together to homicides and war. This helps us to see that is also by valuing our own lives that we will advance the right to life of each and all of us, the life of humanity and of the planet.

As such, we call for suicide prevention to be included in the realization of Goal 16.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The promotion of life and therefore the prevention of suicide are universal duties, for which we will continue to work, especially in countries where suicide is still punishable.

May the Swiss suicide prevention program and the implementation of the recommendations made to Switzerland inspire many other countries, and thus reduce the number of these deaths.

Mr President, dear friends, thank you for your participation in the sustainability and the progress of life.

Thank you for your attention.