

**SWITZERLAND**  
UNITED NATIONS  
SECURITY COUNCIL  
2023—2024

*A Plus For Peace*



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# SWITZERLAND

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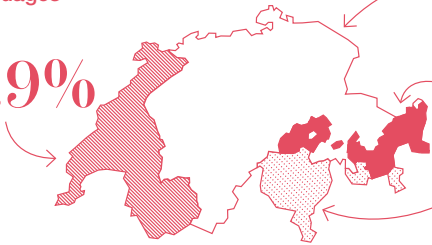
**4** National languages

**22.9%**  
French

**62.6%**  
German

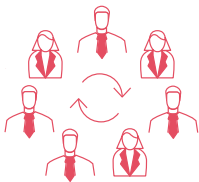
**0.5%**  
Romansh

**8.2%**  
Italian



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**7** Number of Federal Councillors (Ministers). The presidency rotates each year!



**> 1,500** lakes



**1/4**

Switzerland is one of Europe's nations with the highest proportion of foreign residents

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**10.4 KG**

Number 1 in yearly chocolate consumption per capita



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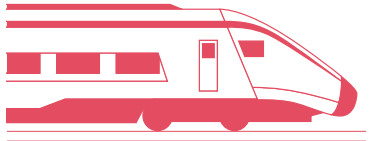
**2,400 KM**

Average distance of train travel per person every year within Switzerland, a world record!

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**39%**

Share of women in Parliament



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# SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED NATIONS

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Switzerland is a first-time candidate for the UN Security Council

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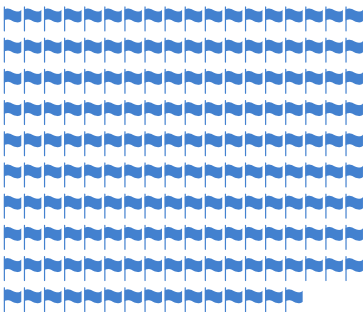
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Geneva hosts 38 international organizations



177

Permanent Missions in Geneva

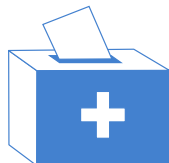


400+

More than 400 NGOs have made Geneva their home

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So far the only country whose UN membership is based on a popular vote



18<sup>th</sup>

biggest contributor to the regular UN budget



2022 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Switzerland joining the UN as a full member



1945

Geneva is home to the UN's European headquarters since 1945

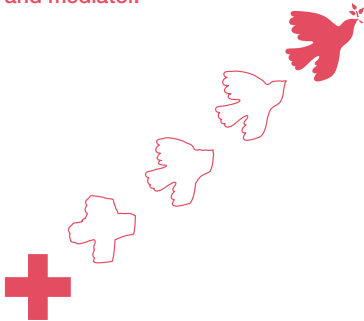


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# A PLUS FOR PEACE

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Switzerland is a neutral facilitator and mediator.



Switzerland is committed to the Women, Peace and Security agenda.



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**17** In recent years, Switzerland has supported 17 peace processes and 6 ceasefire negotiations.



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**200+** Over 200 civilian experts and 280 troops are deployed yearly to promote peace and human rights.



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*"Switzerland is very active on the ground, particularly in the most fragile countries. Our staff's experience and the proximity to the field are our country's strengths."*

Ignazio Cassis, Federal Councillor, Foreign Minister of Switzerland

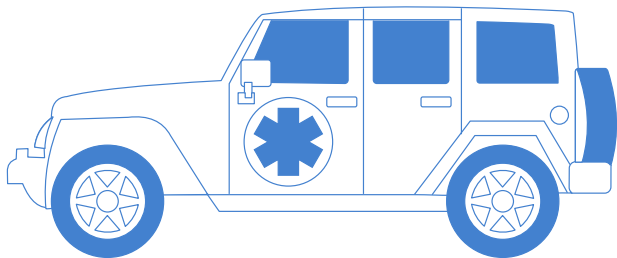
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# A PLUS FOR HUMANITY

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The International Committee of the Red Cross was founded in Switzerland, home to the Geneva Conventions.

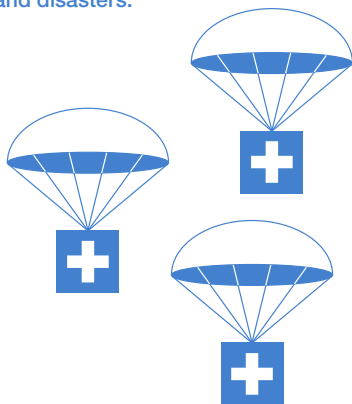


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We put people first: Respecting human rights helps to prevent conflict.



Switzerland provides humanitarian assistance during crises, conflicts and disasters.

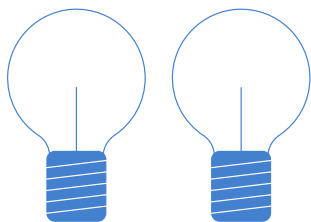


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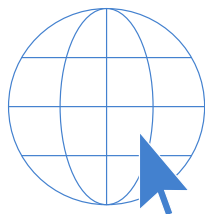
# A PLUS FOR INNOVATION

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A dynamic country for research and development, Switzerland has a top-ranking position in innovation.



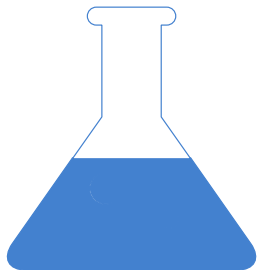
We shape the digital transformation and advocate for a rules-based cyberspace. The World Wide Web was born in Geneva, which is now a global digital policy hub.



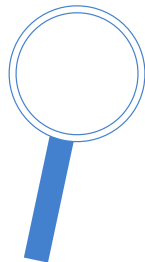
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## 30

Number of Swiss nationals who won a Nobel Prize.



As the ACT group coordinator to improve the accountability, coherence and transparency of the Security Council, Switzerland is dedicated to a modern and efficient UN system.

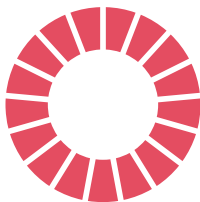


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# A PLUS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

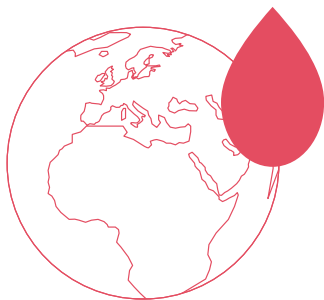
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Switzerland strives to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and works with all countries to implement the 2030 Agenda.

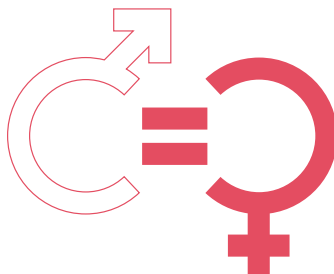


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Through initiatives like Blue Peace, we aim to limit the security implications of climate change.



Our foreign policy seeks to empower women and girls.

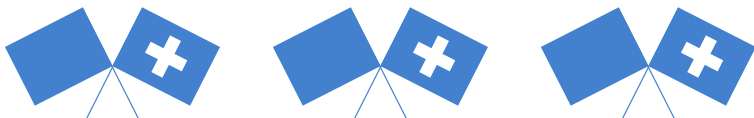


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# A PLUS FOR MULTILATERALISM

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Multilateralism matters! Switzerland works closely with governments, international organisations and civil society to find effective solutions to global challenges.



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## 100 YEARS

Geneva has hosted international organisations for more than 100 years.



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*«Geneva is the city of peace, diplomacy and humanitarian action; home to a community of peacemaking institutions, where many conflicts have been prevented and resolved.»*

António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

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# WHY SUPPORT SWITZERLAND?

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Switzerland is a reliable partner with an independent foreign policy. We say what we do and do what we say. As a member of the Security Council, we will continue to stand up for peace, with no hidden agenda.

Switzerland has a long tradition as a neutral and independent state. The firm belief that respect for the rule of law and human rights are the foundations for peaceful and sustainable societies guides our foreign policy.

Dialogue and consensus-seeking are in our country's DNA. We will be a responsive Security Council member, collaborating with and serving the interests of the wider membership.

As an elected member, we will continue working for peace, humanity, innovation, sustainable development, and multilateralism.

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# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SWITZERLAND!

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