Switzerland generally considers the draft ‘Quito Declaration on Cities for All’ to a large extend an inclusive text and a very good starting point for our further discussions.

While we particularly appreciate elements of the Declaration such as:

- the link of the NUA with the 2030 Agenda and that the three dimensions of sustainable development are recognized as the basis for urban transformation,
- or the mentioning of the indispensable role of cities and adequate competencies of local authorities,

we would also like to point to some elements we miss, in particular the ‘Vision’ of a sustainable urban development (which corresponds to para. 5). This is …

- an overall statement of role of cities as key actors for sustainable development,

- as well as a visionary statement on ending marginalization and exclusion of vulnerable groups, incl. migrants.

In the context of this last comment, I would like to add a comment that relates to the entire document:

We strongly recommend to always include migrants, refugees, and displaced persons when referring to groups with specific vulnerabilities or needs.

Also, we suggest to include ‘women’, accounting for half of the population, at the top (instead in the middle) of the list.

Generally, we encourage always using the same formulation when mentioning such groups.

Finally, with regard to the sub-para on the empowerment of women, we would like to point to the latest agreed language of the Commission of the Status of Women.