

## **Protocol on PRTRs Meeting of the Parties**

**15 September 2017**

### **Statement by Switzerland**

#### **Agenda item 5d: Financial arrangements**

*Thank you Madam Chair*

*Switzerland also thanks the Secretariat for its efforts to cope well with the difficult budgetary situation.*

*Switzerland prefers the introduction of a mandatory scheme of contributions. We like to highlight that the continuation of a voluntary scheme carries the risk of impeding a stable functioning of the Secretariat and the implementation of significant activities under the work program such as capacity building. Moreover, the continuation of the voluntary scheme results in unstable and inequitably shared funding.*

*We believe that even though no agreement can be reached at the moment, it is highly important that the possibility to discuss about alternative options of financial arrangements remains open for the future.*