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**Statement of President of Swiss Confederation, Hans-Rudolf Merz**

Climate change poses unprecedented challenges for our societies, economies and the environment. These changes will induce great costs worldwide. Sound planning and decision-making is more than ever dependent on sound climate information. This is true for Switzerland, in its alpine setting, and, particularly, for developing countries. Switzerland appreciates the convening of the World Climate Conference 3 by World Meteorological Organization and its UN and other partners to address the urgent need of decision-makers for climate information. Switzerland is particularly proud to welcome the World Climate Conference 3 to Geneva.

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