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Switzerland – UNO

Must Switzerland join the United Nations Organization? This is the question which the Swiss people will have to answer in the course of 1984 or 1985. Innumerable discussions on this topic have taken place on helvetic territory, and we felt that one ought to know also the opinion of the Swiss abroad, all the

more since nearly all of them live in countries which already belong to the United Nations Organization.

At the 61st Assembly of Swiss Abroad which will take place in Zurich in 1983 (see page 19), the main theme will be devoted to this important subject, and we shall be pleased to receive the attached questionnaire duly completed by **25th July 1983**. Please send it to the Secretariat for Swiss Abroad, Alpenstrasse 26, 3000 Berne 16, Switzerland.

Switzerland – UNO

Which would be your decision on the occasion of a federal plebiscite regarding Switzerland's accession to the UNO?

YES

ABSTENTION

NO

Which are your arguments?

In case of NO:

The UNO is powerless

Dangerous political undercurrents

We are already a member of the most important specialized agencies and do not need to join

Outside the UNO, Switzerland can more easily render her traditional «good offices»

Incompatibility with our neutrality

Other arguments: _____

In case of ABSTENTION:

As many reasons for as are against accession

Other arguments: _____

In case of YES:

Acknowledging Switzerland's expansion at international level

Necessity to stabilize and improve our relation with the UNO due to growing interdependence

In the UNO General Assembly the ideological and political concepts are elaborated which influence the activity of the specialized agencies

Confirming our wish of solidarity, in order to further develop our «good offices»

Advantages in our international economic relations

Other arguments: _____

We kindly ask you to mark with a cross the points which apply and indicate the number of votes.

Name and Christian name (optional)

Address: _____

Date: _____

The information received from you will be treated confidentially. Your name will not be disclosed in the evaluation of the questionnaire.

This questionnaire has not been prepared upon the request of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs; it was conceived by the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad, in view of its Congress in Zurich.