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**Topic: Assessing the Effectiveness of Sanctions**

As a country that stands for global peace and security Switzerland understands the importance on assessing the effectiveness of sanctions. Switzerland understands the importance of sanctions for maintaining peace and stability.

Switzerland's sanctions regime is based on the Federal Act on the Implementation of International Sanctions (EmbA), which provides a legislative framework for general sanctions matters.

Sanctions have allowed Switzerland to reduce its reliance on Russian assets and shift towards other areas of economic activity, leading to economic diversification. The Swiss government has also frozen CHF 7.5 billion ($8.5 billion) in Russian assets.

Switzerland cooperates with the countries belonging to the European Union so as to ensure a coordinated and effective response to international issues.

Switzerland believes that:

1. Sanctions should be directed to specific individuals, companies and organizations instead of targeting an entire state and its population.
2. Sanctions should be evaluated in a case-by-case manner examining suspected breaches and launch proceedings accordingly.
3. Severe punishments should be put in place for breach of sanctions.

Switzerland has implemented the EU's 12th and 13th packages of sanctions against Russia, which target individuals and entities involved in Russia's aggression against Ukraine

The consequences for violating Switzerland's sanctions can be severe. According to the Federal Act on the Implementation of International Sanctions violations of Swiss sanctions can result in penalties that include imprisonment for up to five years or a monetary fine of up to CHF 540,000. These penalties apply to intentional breaches of Swiss sanctions.

In summary Switzerland as a member of the United Nations is committed to uphold international law and diplomacy and work with the international community to adopt necessary sanctions so as to ensure peace and stability between all countries.