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UPR of Costa Rica – Statement made by Norway

Thank you, Mr. President,

Norway welcomes the delegation from Costa Rica and congratulates Costa Rica for its efforts in promoting respect for human rights nationally as well as internationally. We commend positive steps taken since the first cycle of the UPR, such as the 2010 Immigration Act and the establishment of the Inter-agency Commission for the Follow-up and Implementation of International Human Rights Obligations, with areas of exchange for civil society.

We appreciate the high level of cooperation with the UN Human Rights system, including Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures. In this context, we **recommend** that the 5th CESCR report, the 6th HR Committee report and the 3rd CAT report, overdue since 2012, are finalized without further delay.

Concern has been expressed at the persistence of discriminatory traditional attitudes that hamper the advancement of women's rights. We recommend that Costa Rica intensify its efforts in realizing gender equality through conducting awareness-raising and public educational campaigns with a view to bring about changes in such attitudes, and underlining that all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence, are unacceptable.

Related to this, Norway **wishes to echo CEDAWs recommendation**, that Costa Rica consider reviewing the law related to abortion to guarantee access to abortion when pregnancy is a result of rape.