



## PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY

### UPR of Equatorial Guinea – Statement by Norway

Norway thanks Equatorial Guinea for the presentation of their national report.

Norway believes that the participation of civil society is essential to a meaningful UPR process. We **recommend** that Equatorial Guinea establish an inclusive process to follow-up the UPR recommendations.

Norway believes that human rights defenders play an important role in fostering a culture of justice and rule of law. We are concerned about the situation of human rights defenders and journalists working in defense of human rights in Equatorial Guinea, including during the elections. Norway **recommends** that the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders is effectively disseminated and implemented.

Norway is encouraged to see Equatorial Guinea commit to a moratorium on death penalty. We welcome you to join the international coalition to abolish death penalty by signing up to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We encourage Equatorial Guinea to adhere to principles of transparency in the management of natural resources inherent in initiatives such as the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), including an open dialogue with civil society.