



Universal Periodic Review: 19th session
 Review of Norway
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New Zealand welcomes Norway's participation in its 2nd Universal Periodic Review. We commend Norway for the progress made in implementing recommendations over the past 4 years. Despite Norway's strong record of rights protection, we appreciate Norway's willingness to recognise areas of on-going challenges and space for improvement. These attributes underscore Norway's firm commitment to human rights at home and in the international arena.

We welcome Norway's implementation of New Zealand's first cycle recommendation to ratify and implement the CRPD, as well as recent strengthening of anti-discrimination legislation. We encourage further implementation of the CRPD, particularly in relation to the use of coercion in mental health care. We recognise that this is a complicated issue for many countries, and welcome the Government's desire to reduce the use of coercion in this circumstance. To achieve this we:

- Recommend that Norway take further concrete steps reduce the use of coercion in treatment and detention of persons with mental health issues or intellectual disabilities, including by improving monitoring of mental health care institutions and developing voluntary alternatives to coercive interventions.
- We also recommend that Norway ensure that criteria for compulsory treatment and detention in legislation and practice are non-discriminatory and focused on safety, and that Norway removes any criteria referring to disability or "serious mental disorder".

Thank you.