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Universal Periodic Review of the Kingdom of Norway

Statement by the Republic of Poland

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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Norway for the presentation of its national report and its participation in the UPR process.

We fully appreciate the Norwegian efforts undertaken to comply with the recommendations of the first review accepted by the government in 2009, in particular setting up an inter-ministerial coordination group for human rights issues under the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We also welcome the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Despite many positive developments in the field of human rights, the Polish delegation would like to present to Norway the following recommendations:

- We recommend to Norway to intensify efforts to prevent discrimination against ethnic groups and promote equality, as well as prevent and combat discrimination against persons from immigrant backgrounds;
- We recommend that Norway enacts specific legislation to put in place comprehensive measures to prevent and address violence against women and girls, and to provide adequate assistance and protection to victims.

Thank you for your attention.