

Thank you Mr. President.

Armenia welcomes the Delegation of Norway and thanks for the comprehensive national report. We welcome Norway's and Norwegians' continuous commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

Armenia and Norway have a long history of friendship and mutual support. We highly appreciate the help provided to the survivors of the Armenian Genocide, which started by Fridtjof Nansen and has continued throughout decades since then.

Despite of the small Armenian Community in the country we would like to note that they are reported to be fully integrated into the society and able to exercise all rights necessary to preserve their national identity. We thus note with appreciation Norway's integration policy for immigrants and minorities into the Norwegian society.

Armenia would also like to welcome Norway's commitment to the elimination of hate speech and hate crime. We commend the amendment of the Penal Code that, inter alia, stipulates that encouraging someone to commit a specific offence or glorifying a criminal offence online will be punishable by law.

We recommend Norway to

- 1) Continue the struggle against hate crime and glorification of criminals.
- 2) Further develop its integration policy of migrants and national minorities into the society.

Thank you.