

**47th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP
Statement Norway**

**on the human rights situation in Costa Rica,**

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President,

Norway welcomes Costa Rica’s multilateral human rights engagement. Concerns remain regarding women’s rights, equality and the shrinking civic space.

Norway recommends that Costa Rica:

1.Decriminalizes abortion in all circumstances and ensures access to [safe and legal] abortion services and emergency contraception, [in line with WHO’s guidelines].

2.Guarantees the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including by strengthening the protection and safety of indigenous leaders [against threats and attacks] and by respecting indigenous land rights].

3.Strenghtens the safety and protection of journalists, online and offline, to exercise their profession freely and without threats.

4.Secures the independence of the judiciary, including by establishing a permanent framework for the selection and appointment of judges in accordance with international standards.

Thank you.