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**Statement by Azerbaijan**

*Geneva, 4 November 2024*

Mr. President,

We are deeply concerned that negative attitudes and hate speech in Norway remain a serious issue for Muslims, Jews, people of African descent, asylum seekers, Sami, Roma, and other groups. Often driven by xenophobic and antimigration discourse, waves of hate speech increase prejudice, particularly against Muslims. Also, people of migrant origins, especially people of African descent in Norway, face unfair discrimination in the enjoyment of human rights, and forced removal of children by Child Welfare Services.

In this regard, we recommend Norway to:

1. Develop and enact rules that prohibit the use of hate speech, and prosecute acts of violence and vandalism against migrants;

1. Ensure all Child Welfare Services develop their intercultural competence and sensitivity, and build up a sustainable exchange to promote mutual understanding and trust with minority groups;

1. Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

I thank you.