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**Universal Periodic Review of NORWAY**

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To be delivered by

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First Secretary

Speaking Time: 1 minute and 10 seconds

Thank you, Mr. President,

My delegation extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Norway and acknowledges Norway’s firm commitment to human rights and the rule of law within and beyond its borders in the spirit of solidarity and cooperation.

We note the significant steps taken during the review period to stem gender-based violence, racism and all forms of discrimination.

To build on gains, we recommend that Norway:

* Align the definition of rape under its domestic legislation with international standards, basing it on the absence of consent rather than use of or the threat of use of force;
* Continue to ensure fair and efficient asylum procedures, including by implementing human rights-based criteria for family reunification; and
* Strengthen vocational education, language training, and other support services aimed at facilitating the integration of migrants, especially women and children, into the Norwegian society.

Noting the far-reaching adverse consequences of climate change on the enjoyment of human rights, we recommend that Norway implement deep, rapid, and sustained reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in line with the 1.5°C target, and add its strong voice to advance meaningful climate action anchored on the principles of equity and climate justice.

We wish Norway success in this UPR cycle. Thank you. END