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**Item 6: Universal Periodic Review
Outcome Norway**

**Statement
by**

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Mr. President,

My delegation congratulates the Government of Norway for the successful examination of its national report under the Universal Periodic Review.

As the Council of Europe did not have the possibility to participate directly in the Working Group, my delegation would like to take this opportunity to evoke the recommendations made to the Government of Norway by various monitoring bodies of the Council of Europe.

Some of them were contained in the "*Summary of stakeholders submissions prepared by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*".

The Council of Europe is notably interested in the following three priority areas:

- Discrimination against minorities (racist rhetoric, racial profiling, marginalization) (recommendations made by the ECRI and the Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities)
- Extended isolation of prisoners and detainees (recommendations made by the Committee for the Prevention of Torture)
- Insufficient protection of victims of trafficking (in accordance with the report of Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA))

The Delegation of the Council of Europe welcomes the measures already taken by the Government of Norway in order to address the issues raised by the monitoring bodies.

We invite the Government of Norway to consider ratification of the Council of Europe *Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence*.