



MISSION OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE

STATEMENT ON ENERGY SECURITY

**OSCE Permanent Council
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Mr. Chairman,

Norway aligns herself with the statement just made by the representative of Germany on behalf of the European Union. At the same time I would like to inform you that Norway has not ratified the Energy Charter Treaty. The reason is due to the fact that the dispute settlement mechanism raised constitutional issues that were seen as an impediment to Norwegian ratification. A reservation to this effect was made when we signed the Treaty.

It is, however, important to underline that regardless of this, we adhere to the principles of the Treaty and indeed live by them. As a member of the European Economic Area, Norway adheres to the same laws and regulations as EU member states and participates fully in the internal energy market.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman