



PERMANENT DELEGATION OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE

STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OSCE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PRESENTATION ON THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile
to the Permanent Council
Vienna, 16 October 2014

Thank you, Mr Chairman

I aligned myself with the statement made by Italy on behalf of the European Union. In my national capacity, I would like to draw the Permanent Council's attention to a statement made by Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Børge Brende, on 10 October, in which he said that:

“Russia's actions in Ukraine remain a matter of serious concern. A fragile ceasefire is in place, but Russia has not complied with the demands made by the international community, including immediate, complete withdrawal of all military equipment and personnel from Ukrainian territory.”

Minister Brende furthermore underlined that “despite massive international pressure, Russia has not demonstrated any willingness to change its course in Ukraine, which is in violation of international law”.

Mr Chairman,

In the same statement, Minister Brende informed that the Norwegian Government has decided to tighten its restrictive measures against Russia. This brings Norwegian legislation in line with all measures introduced by the European Union.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.