



## **Statement by Norway's Ambassador, HE Susan Eckey**

**During the IAEA Board of Governors, 12 July 2024**

Chair,

Norway aligns itself with the statement delivered by Hungary on behalf of the EU, including our support for the draft resolution. Let me add the following in a national capacity.

First, I would like to thank you for convening this extraordinary meeting in the Board of Governors. Sadly, this is once again on the basis of Russian aggression in Ukraine.

Norway condemns Russia's massive missile attack against Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities on 8 July. More than 40 people were killed, hundreds wounded, and there are massive material damages. It is extremely serious that the attacks yet again have hit civilians and civilian infrastructure. Russia has a responsibility to protect civilians in accordance with international humanitarian law.

It is particularly disturbing that the National Children's Hospital Ohmatdyt was hit, with several killed, and many wounded. The hospital must now be evacuated, exposing sick and vulnerable children to additional danger and suffering. Norway has since 2019 supported a project at this hospital, led by Sunnaas Rehabilitation Hospital. The aim of the project is capacity building

within physical rehabilitation of children.

Moreover, Russia is following its usual pattern of making unfounded accusations in attempt to create confusion about the actual facts. All available evidence indicates that the Ohmatdyt Children's Hospital was hit by a Russian missile.

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine is a serious violation of international law and has been condemned by a large majority of UN member states, including Norway. Russia must end its illegal war and immediately withdraw all its forces from Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders. Russia's brutal attacks only strengthen our resolve to continue our support to Ukraine in its legitimate self-defense against Russia's aggression.

Thank you.