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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY**

**Chair of the Open Skies Consultative Commission**

**As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile  
to the Opening Session of  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Skies Review Conference,  
Vienna, 8 June 2015**

Mr. Chairman,  
Dear Colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

In my capacity as Chair of the Open Skies Consultative Commission I join Belarus in welcoming you all to the Third Review Conference for the Open Skies Treaty.

Norway attaches great importance to the Open Skies Treaty. The treaty is a highly important CSBM instrument that contributes to stability and peace in Europe. In order to ensure further development of the Treaty it is important to learn from past experiences.

The Third Review Conference is an important milestone in the history of the Open Skies Treaty. We are about to take the Treaty one step further with today's technology. The hard work performed by the Informal Working Groups on Sensors and on Certification during the past years has resulted in significant achievements for the future functioning of the Treaty.

As you are aware, Norway does not have its own Open Skies platform. We wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those nations that have given us the possibility to share quotas with them and to those that have leased us their aircraft. This has been highly appreciated.

Mr. Chairman,

There have been certain challenges related to the functioning and implementation of the Treaty since the Second Review Conference in 2010. Selective implementation of the treaty is of specific concern. There is a need for a frank discussion on such issues at this review conference.

We believe that we can overcome these challenges. That requires, however, political will among all states parties to fully implement all treaty obligations, and to do so in a non-

discriminatory way. We look forward to working with you all in finding solutions to these challenges and thereby ensure that it performs satisfactory in the coming years.

In conclusion, Norway wishes to express its full support to the work of the Open Skies Review Conference. We are confident that this Review Conference will contribute to the further development of the Treaty.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the books on the Open Skies Treaty that you find in front of you, compiled by the Arms Control Branch of Norway's Defence Staff. This is a contribution from our side to the sharing of assets.

Thank you