



**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY

**As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile
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Madame Chair,

I am happy to take the floor as the incoming FSC Chair and to thank you for the helpful tools you have given me to support me and my delegation in chairing this distinguished body. These tools will help us keep discipline and prevent us from drowning!

I would also like to thank you as well as previous speakers for warm welcoming words to us.

Madame Chair,

I join others in thanking you and your small but dedicated team with a well-done job. We know we will have your support and be able to draw upon your experience during our chairmanship.

I would also like to thank Mongolia as outgoing troika member for their work. We think they performed their first “official” task in the OSCE in an excellent way.

It is also time to welcome the Netherlands as a new troika member. I look forward to working with them in the FSC troika.

Madame Chair,

We are still working out the details of our FSC program. We will circulate both the program and other details well in advance of the autumn session. There will

be no surprises as we will concentrate on key issues for the FSC, issues that should enjoy broad support by all.

The official opening of our chairmanship will take place 9 September, with the participation of State Secretary – Deputy Foreign Minister – Mr Bård Glad Pedersen.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the FSC Support Section and the FSC coordinators for their help in preparing our program.

Madame Chair,

Chairing the last trimester of the year brings with it certain responsibilities – and extra tasks. I take it we can rely on the support of all delegations in the lead-up to the Belgrade Ministerial.

I should also already now like to mention that we have taken careful note of the proposal by some delegations to look into how the FSC can support the SMM within their mandate. My delegation agrees that the SMM could benefit from drawing on the tools and expertise of the FSC and we stand ready to help facilitate further discussions on this issue during our chairmanship.

Thank you.