



**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT BY NORWAY**

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile  
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Mr Moderator,

I will make three simple and very basic recommendations:

Firstly, ensure a safe working environment for journalists and media workers. Attacks on and harassment of journalists represent a threat to democracy. Pay particular attention to female journalists, who are often victims of harassment online.

Secondly, respect the rights of journalists to protect their sources also in a digital environment. Sources must be confident that they run no risk by helping journalists expose corruption or abuse of power.

Finally, introduce legislation that ensure access to public documents. This will enhance transparency and accountability – cornerstones of any democracy.

Thank you, Moderator.