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**STATEMENT ON THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN ANKARA, TURKEY,
10 OCTOBER 2015**

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile
to the Permanent Council,
Vienna, 15 October 2015

Mr Chairman,

In a press statement Saturday afternoon Norway's Foreign Minister Børge Brende condemned the terrorist attack that hit the Turkish capital Ankara earlier the same day.

The Foreign Minister said that our thoughts and our deepest sympathy go to all those affected, to those who have lost loved ones and to the people of Turkey. No matter who is responsible, this was clearly a terrorist attack and an attempt to destabilise Turkey at a time when the country is already facing a great many challenges, both at home and in the region. It is crucial, the Foreign Minister underlined, that this brutal act of terror does not obstruct the election process in Turkey.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.