



**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

STATEMENT ON THE ATTACK IN ORLANDO, USA, 12 JUNE 2016

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile
to the Permanent Council
Vienna, 16 June 2016

Mr Chairman,

I join colleagues in expressing my condolences and sympathies to our American colleague and the people of the United States after the tragic event in Orlando. The attack deliberately targeted the LGBTI community. Let this strengthen our resolve to work harder to combat all forms of intolerance and hatred. Such a tragedy must not be abused to create antagonism between any ethnic, religious or minority groups.

I also express my condolences to our French colleague after the recent brutal killing of a police officers couple in Paris.

Thank you, Mr Chairman