



**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF NORWAY  
on the Assessment of the Structured Dialogue in view of the MC**

to the 67<sup>th</sup> Joint meeting of the Forum for Security Co-Operation and the Permanent Council,  
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Madam Chair,  
Colleagues,

The Structured Dialogue is one of the most interesting political processes in the OSCE. Norway will continue to actively pursue its potential. We highly appreciate the hard work of the chair of the Informal Working Group (IWG) during the past year.

The Structured Dialogue is a political process that must be state owned and state driven. The ongoing Mapping Exercise is merely a part of the Structured Dialogue as a whole and any continued work in this format needs political guidance from the Informal Working Group. It can contribute to further elaboration of the topic “Threat Perceptions” which remains key to the dialogue. So far we have only scratched the surface in this regard.

The Structured Dialogue should remain open to new ideas and alternative pathways. In times of division within the OSCE, sustained political multilateral dialogue is a confidence- and security building measure in itself. Progress in the Structured Dialogue depends on our readiness to dig deeper and review the security challenges more thoroughly than we have done in other fora, without compromising the non-negotiable principles from the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris.

It will be up to the next OSCE Chairmanship to facilitate the continuation of the Structured Dialogue. It is too early to narrow the scope of the Structured Dialogue. We are not in a hurry.

Patience is called for - and results depend on political will. We have the patience, we have the will. We want the structured dialogue to be a positive and significant contribution to a common understanding of our security challenges and how we address them. We will actively support the continued process in a constructive manner.