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**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT BY NORWAY ON THE SENTENCING OF MR. ALES  
BYALYATSKI IN BELARUS**

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile to the Permanent Council,  
Vienna, 24 November 2011

**Thank you Mr. Chairman,**

The trial against Mr. Byalyatski has been followed very closely in my country, including by human rights organisations.

The news about the sentence passed this morning has caused great concern and dismay.

We fully share the points just made by Poland, on behalf of the European Union, and by the United States.

**Thank you, Mr. Chairman**