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STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY

Madam Chairperson, Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Norway recognizes the importance of the Open Skies Treaty, the importance of preserving the experiences made and the further development of the Treaty. The Open Skies treaty is one of the key CSBM instruments that contribute to maintaining peace and stability in Europe.

This Review Conference constitutes yet another milestone in the history of Open Skies as we are about to take the Treaty in to the future with today's technology. The work on digitalization of sensors has been demanding and going on for several years. The Informal Working Group on Sensors has done its work in an outstanding way. We encourage all participating states to make a final effort to reach consensus on this important issue.

Due to the fact that Norway for the time being does not have her own Open Skies platform, we want to use this opportunity to express our gratitude to the nations who have given us the possibility to share quotas or lease aircrafts. This has been highly appreciated.

Madam Chairperson,

Norway expresses her full support to the work of Open Skies Review Conference. We have high expectations and trust that the outcome of this Conference will contribute to further development of the Treaty to benefit us all.

Thank you for your attention.