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STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR MADINA JARBUSSYNOVA

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile
to the Permanent Council
Vienna, 17 December 2015

Thank you, Mr Chairman,

I aligned myself with the statement made by Luxembourg on behalf of the European Union. In addition, I would like to add a few remarks in my national capacity.

Mr Chairman,

Norway supports the Special Representative in her important efforts to combat trafficking in human beings through a human rights centred approach.

Last Friday, as the previous speakers have already mentioned, the Economic and Environmental Committee and the Human Dimension Committee held a successful joint meeting on Business & Human Rights. We learned in this meeting that co-operation is vital to effectively combat trafficking in human beings for *inter alia* labour exploitation. We welcome the Special Representative's initiative to focus on anti-trafficking efforts in preventing forced labour and labour exploitation along globalized supply chains. This promotes the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights as well as the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

In the joint committee meeting last Friday, the point was made that the OSCE is well positioned to provide leadership in this area and therefore should explore ways of carrying this work forward.

Mr. Chairman,

Norway recently adopted a national action plan on Business and Human Rights, joining other OSCE participating States that have already done so. In this plan, the Government encourages and launches measures to assist business to help combat trafficking in supply chains.

Ambassador Jarbussynova,

You and your excellent team can be assured of Norway's continued support.

Thank you, Mr Chairman