



**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT ON THE EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE  
OSCE SPECIAL MISSION TO UKRAINE**

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile  
to the Permanent Council,  
Vienna, 12 March 2015

Mr Chairman,

Norway joins consensus and we remain committed to and supportive of the SMM, politically as well as practically.

Mr Chairman,

I would to make a point about the decision shaping and decision making processes concerning the SMM.

This operation is perhaps the biggest ever undertaken by the OSCE, and certainly the most difficult – and potentially the most dangerous for the people on the ground.

The tasks of the SMM have evolved during the year it has been operating. Not always as a result of discussions in this room – at 57.

We are all – all 57 – stakeholders in the SMM. Norway has for the time being 11 monitors in the operation. We have given 2 million Euros in voluntary contributions. Our contribution is in fact bigger than the contribution of some of the participating States inside the closed circles.

Mr Chairman,

I am not criticizing anybody. My point is that a consensus organization is strong only when we all cultivate a culture of compromise and when decision-making processes are inclusive and transparent.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman