



**PERMANENT DELEGATION OF NORWAY
TO THE OSCE**

NORWEGIAN STATEMENT DURING FSC-MEETING 1091

As delivered by Colonel Bjørn Gaute Herlyng at the Forum for Security Cooperation,
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Mr. Chair,

Norway would like to echo others in this room, without repeating all the arguments, and voice Norway's strong support to your decision to continuing this meeting with the current agenda consisting of "General Statements" and "Any other Business".

All the OSCE participating states have agreed to the Rules of procedure for decision-making bodies, including IV.1. (C). 1. that prescribes standing items to be kept at the agenda. If the participating states are interested in dialogue and upholding the FSC, this is truly a minimum, and Norway has not heard any valid reason why this meeting cannot proceed.

If the Russian Federation sees the need to discuss interpretation of the Rules of Procedure, this should be put as a topic on the agenda or discussed in an appropriate forum. Then all delegations would be able to prepare to discuss the issues raised.

In the meantime, Norway would encourage the Russian Federation to explain what it finds not acceptable in the current agenda items, and to suggest what items the Russian Federation would want to be on the agenda to improve the agenda and allow for the dialogue this forum is intended to facilitate. Unless this is provided, the Russian interventions in this meeting can only be seen as an unjustified way to try to delay the dialogue and obstruct the FSC from conducting its mandated work.

If the Russian Federation truly wants dialogue, it should stop its unjustified attempts to obstruct this meeting. Norway calls upon the Russian Federation to do so.

Thank you

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