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## PERMANENT DELEGATION OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE

### STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO CURRENT ISSUES

As delivered by Human rights adviser Ms. Lene Marsøe  
to the Permanent Council,  
14 August 2014, Vienna

Mr Chairman,

Norway aligns itself with the statement made by Italy on behalf of the European Union. In our national capacity, we would like to draw the Council's attention to the press statement issued by the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Børge Brende. The statement was issued on 11 August in which he stressed the following:

“Norway will introduce the same measures as those adopted by the EU on 31 July. These measures are a response to Russia's violation of fundamental principles of the UN Charter. Despite massive international pressure, Russia has not demonstrated any willingness to change its actions in Ukraine, which are in violation of international law,”

Mr. Chairman,

With regard to the specific measures to be taken, I refer to the full statement by Foreign Minister Brende, which will be part of the written version of this statement that will be circulated accordingly.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.