

MSP13 agenda item 10 (j) Gender Mainstreaming

Statement by Norway

President,

Norway attaches great importance to integrating gender perspectives into all aspects of our humanitarian and disarmament efforts. Humanitarian planning and assistance must identify and respond to the distinct and distinctive needs, capabilities and priorities of women, girls, boys and men in all their diversity. Our protection and assistance measures are rights-based, safeguard gender equality, and target the needs of the most vulnerable people.

The gender perspective is integrated across all of Norway's humanitarian programming, with particular priority given to women's rights and participation. This principle is also reflected in our support to mine action and cluster munitions programming, currently spanning 19 countries. As one of the top five donors globally, Norway remains firmly committed to the goals articulated in the Lausanne Action Plan.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Women, Peace and Security agenda, which underscores the responsibility of the mine action sector to take into account the specific needs of women and girls. While important progress has been achieved, further efforts are required. Norway is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities and to contributing to collective progress.

We call on all States Parties to fully implement the actions related to gender and diversity, and to ensure that the varied needs and experiences of affected communities are duly considered in all aspects of implementation.

We also wish to thank Germany for its leadership in advancing this agenda, in their role as gender focal point for the convention. Norway will continue to work with partners to ensure that gender considerations are fully integrated, so that the Convention responds effectively to the realities of all affected people.

Thank you.