



**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT BY NORWAY ON ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY
IN CONNECTICUT, USA**

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
May 3, 2012

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I would like to inform the Permanent Council that Norway was aligned with the EU statement issued in Brussels on the abolition of the death penalty in Connecticut. Thus, we fully share the views just expressed by Denmark on behalf of the European Union.

Let me also add the following: In accordance with a statement issued by the International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) in this case on April 12 Norway considers that the death penalty undermines human dignity and violates the right to life proclaimed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that it should therefore never be applied whatever the crime.

Thank you.