



**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT ON PREVENTION OF TORTURE
AND OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES**

As delivered by Ambassador Robert Kvile
to the Permanent Council,
Vienna, 5 March 2015

Mr Chairman,

In addition to being aligned with the European Union in this matter¹, I would like to make a point concerning the last sentence of the European Union statement, in which they expressed the hope that the issue of torture will remain high on the OSCE's agenda.

Chairman, we were quite close in Basel to agreeing on a text that would strengthen our OSCE commitments against torture and enforced disappearances.

This has motivated us to put the problem of torture, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings on the agenda of the Human Dimension Committee, at our meeting 24 March.

Discussions in the HDC will – as always – be introduced by prominent speakers, this time by two law professors, one of them a former UN Special Rapporteur.

Thank you.

¹ Norway was aligned with the Latvia/European Union statement on the ratification by Mongolia of two key human rights conventions (the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance).