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Mr. Co-facilitator,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the Delegation of Egypt on the importance of an efficient review mechanism for the post-2015 agenda. Allow us to make some brief, additional remarks in our national capacity.

Norway believes that the five key components for monitoring and review outlined in the Secretary-General's synthesis report provide us with the basic principles and purposes upon which we should build.

We especially appreciate the emphasis put on the need for accountability to the people themselves and on a country-led, national component as the most significant part of a universal review process.

We equally agree that charting global progress and identifying challenges will be crucial. In this regard, we underline the importance of developing a Global Sustainable Development Report of excellent quality, based on scientific evidence and broad inter-agency collaboration. The need for annual thematic reports should also be explored.

In order to ensure a successful implementation, follow-up and review, we need targets that are concrete and manageable, with evidence-based indicators, as well as a UN system that is fit for purpose to support Member States in implementing this new and transformative agenda.

We agree with the synthesis report that the current structure of our intergovernmental bodies should be able to accommodate the universal review process.

Finally, we have high expectations that the Third Conference on Financing for Development will strengthen the commitment to the global partnership for sustainable development.

Thank you.