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Session 3 Transformative Commitments to the New Urban Agenda

Statement by Norway

Madam Co-Chair,

Allow me to make a few comments on Section A on the Transformative Commitments. Norway is generally pleased with this section, which covers many of the comments we have made on the policy papers. We are particularly pleased with paras 30, 36, 51, 53, 55, 57, 69 and 74, just to mention some examples.

However, we have a few suggestions for amendment to some of the paras.

In para 65 regarding the participation for inclusive urban prosperity, we believe it would be useful also to specify the importance of participation of youth.

We further believe that the link between the chapter on ecosystems and cities and the chapter on resilience to disasters and climate change may be made stronger. We suggest to add more language in para 71 on parks and green spaces as an important factor in promoting well-being and health in cities, both physical and mental health, as well as protecting and promoting the urban ecosystem, which again may contribute improving resilience to disasters and climate change.

Regarding para 76 and the zero landfill target, we may want to specify that this target is for waste that can be recycled or biologically treated.

We have some additional minor suggestions for amendments as well, and I will submit this in writing.

Thank you.