

NORWAY'S CANDIDATURE FOR THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL 2021-2022

Norway is calling for support for its candidature for a non-permanent seat on the Security Council in 2021-2022. Norway announced its candidature in 2007 and last served on the Council in 2001-2002.

WHY SUPPORT NORWAY?

For more than 70 years, Norway has been a consistent pillar of support for the United Nations and a rules-based multilateral order. Norway is an effective, reliable and pragmatic problem-solver, with extensive experience in the fields of conflict resolution, peacebuilding, sustainable development and humanitarian response. Norway attaches importance to strengthening the UN's ability to address the global challenges facing the international community. As a member of the Council, we would seek to build bridges and find common solutions that win broad support.

Norway is a strong supporter of the UN. It is the seventh largest net contributor to the UN and one of few countries that spend 1 % of GNI on official development assistance (ODA). Norwegians have worked closely with the UN, the AU and other regional organisations to build peace and resolve conflicts, for example in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and Colombia.

Norway has regularly deployed military and police personnel to UN peacekeeping operations. More than 40 000 Norwegians have served in UN-led operations since 1949, including currently in Mali, South Sudan, the Middle East, Cyprus, Colombia and Haiti.



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WHAT WOULD WE BRING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL?

Norway is a consistent and long-term backer of the UN.

Norway has always been, and will continue to be, a strong supporter of the UN and a rules-based multilateral order, which the UN plays a key role in upholding. Norway's UN policy is predictable and recognisable, and this has remained the case even when there has been a change of government.

Norway is a reliable and constructive partner.

Norway abides by its international commitments in the UN and other organisations. We are guided by a long tradition of solidarity with developing countries.

Norway listens to the views of other countries.

Norway is a respectful dialogue-oriented partner that listens to other countries and consults them, regardless of their size and geographical location. We work actively in a wide range of areas to find common solutions across regions, religions and cultures.

Norway has extensive experience of conflict resolution.

Norway has been engaged in conflict resolution and peace and reconciliation efforts for many years. We have gained considerable experience and expertise from these processes, for example in Colombia, Israel-Palestine, South-Sudan and the Philippines, and this will guide our work in the Security Council.

Norway will protect the UN's integrity and independence.

Norway would like to see a strengthened UN that lives up to the principles enshrined in the UN Charter, and a Secretariat that implements the member states' resolutions effectively and impartially. We will work to enhance the UN's relevance and credibility as well as its ability to take coherent action across its three pillars. **Norway will promote a more transparent and representative Security Council**, and highlight the linkages between security and sustainable development.



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