
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 was last a member of the Council in 2001-2002. The election is in June 2020.



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WHY SUPPORT NORWAY?

Norway is a reliable and constructive problem-solver, with extensive experience in the areas of mediation, peacebuilding, sustainable development and humanitarian response. Norway has experience from several peace processes, for example in Colombia, Guatemala, South Sudan, the Philippines and the Middle East.

Norway is the seventh largest net contributor to the UN system. Norway, a country of 5 million, allocates 1% of its GNI to development assistance (ODA). We have met the UN target of 0.70% every year since the 1970s.

Norway has contributed military and police personnel to UN peacekeeping operations, with more than 40 000 Norwegian men and women having served in peacekeeping operations since 1949, including in the Middle East.

Norway supports the UN's peace efforts in the Middle East financially and by providing key personnel to UN missions.

For almost three decades, Norway has been actively engaged in efforts to achieve peace between Israel and Palestine. Norway remains committed to a negotiated two-state solution, including the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian state.



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Norway has chaired the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee since 1993, with a view to building the institutional and economic foundations needed for a Palestinian state. Norway voted in favour of resolution 67/19, which made Palestine a non-member observer state in the UN.

Since 1949, Norway has been a consistent and strong supporter of UNRWA. Norway remains one of its top donors.

Norway is a major contributor of humanitarian assistance to the Middle East. Since 2011, Norway has provided USD 1.3 billion to people affected by the Syria crisis.

Norway collaborates with partners in the MENA region on preventing violent extremism, and underscores the importance of taking a holistic approach in this effort.

Education is a key priority for Norway globally. Norway contributes to creating better opportunities for young people through education and job creation programmes.

Norway has had a longstanding and broad diplomatic presence in the Middle East. Norway promotes economic growth and trade with the MENA region. Trade has more than doubled since 2007.

Norway is an active supporter of the Paris Agreement, Agenda 2030 and Financing for Development. Norway abides by its international commitments.



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WHAT WILL NORWAY BRING TO THE COUNCIL?

Norway will work to strengthen a rules-based international order. Norway will work to strengthen multilateral cooperation and the international legal order.

Norway will contribute to finding durable solutions. Norway's extensive experience in conflict resolution and peacebuilding will guide our work in the Council. We will work to enhance the UN's ability to address complex conflicts.

Norway will listen to the views of other countries. We will work to find common solutions by consulting with member states, regardless of their size and location.

Norway's UN policy has longstanding and cross-party support, which makes Norway a reliable partner of the UN.

Norway will protect the UN's integrity and independence. We will work towards a strengthened UN that lives up to the Charter's principles and takes coherent action across its three pillars.

Norway will promote a more representative Security Council and will stress transparency and inclusiveness as key principles in the Council's working methods.



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