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Norway

Statement:
Norway fully supports the implementation of the Legal Identity Agenda and welcomes the report from the Secretary-General. In Norway, civil registration and legal identity registration are integrated into the administrative population register. In particular, we would emphasize the importance of digitizing the civil registration system as key for improving such systems where this is not already done. For statistical purposes, Statistics Norway maintains a statistical copy of the population register. This is essential also for monitoring the mortality and other effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Establishing the cause of death is especially challenging during a pandemic and more efforts are needed to improve the registration of causes of death in general and during the pandemic in particular.

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