## STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

Agenda Item Number: 7

Agenda Item Title:

Social and economic benefits, supporting sustainable development, measures taken and proposed for the implementation of resolutions and evaluation of the work of the Group of Experts

Title of paper/report:

Draft strategic plan and programme of work

Statement/intervention provided by:

Norway

Statement/intervention:

**Statement of support** 

NORWAY welcomes the efforts undertaken by the Group of Experts in developing a strategy Strategic Plan and the Programme of Work for UNGEGN.

NORWAY expresses support for the Strategic Plan and the Programme of Work and commends the result as published in the draft strategic plan and offers to assist in achieving the goals. NORWAY also strongly encourages other nations to actively take part in the carrying out of Strategic Plan and the Programme of Work.

The Strategic Plan and the Programme of Work highlights several important and necessary tasks to be undertaken by UNGEGN over the next years. In this respect, NORWAY sees a need to also safeguard and promote academic activities within the humanities and geography relating to UNCSGN Resolution IX/7, as well as Resolution VIII/9.

NORWAY also sees a need for an update of the *Manual for the Standardization of Geographical Names*, 2006, under Strategy 5. NORWAY expresses willingness in contributing to this work.

Thank you,

The Norwegian UNGEGN delegation

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