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Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: Draft Resolution

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Ambassador
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President,

As we accelerate our efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals and prepare for a new sustainable development agenda after 2015, the improvements we have agreed to on ECOSOC will strengthen the UN's ability to drive these efforts. The reformed ECOSOC will give us a better platform and framework which will make the UN's work on sustainable development issues more effective and efficient. We expect the reformed Council to become a highly relevant and attractive venue for policy debate. We want to see broad and high level engagement from governments, the UN system, as well as civil society and other stakeholders. We want ECOSOC to be a key arena to drive implementation of the MDGs as well as the post 2015 agenda. Norway would like to thank the co-facilitators, Ambassadors Talbot and Frankinet and their teams, for their dedication, wisdom and patience in conducting the process that led to today's decision.

Thank you.

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