

## **Global Refugee Forum 17. – 18. December 2019**

### **High-Level Dialogue on Jobs and Livelihoods**

**(Wednesday 18. December 11:00-13:00 Room XVII)**

#### **Norway Statement**

Excellences, distinguished colleagues,

Norway shares the ambition that the Global Refugee Forum, and the focus on Jobs and Livelihoods, will lead to more inclusive national policies in host countries, giving refugees increased access to jobs and livelihoods.

As co-sponsors for Jobs and Livelihoods, we are committed to continue working for refugees inclusion into our societies, educational systems and our labour markets.

Let me express Norway's highest appreciation to the organizers of all the important events taking place at the Forum during these three days.

Norway has a broad and longstanding engagement for refugees. This includes resettling refugees through the UNHCR, supporting a global qualifications passport for refugees, and increased integration efforts in our own country.

We have submitted pledges to this end.

Refugees can be a resource for their new home countries, if getting the chance to create a new future for themselves and their families. Everyone, especially women, should have the opportunity to use their skills, get their qualifications recognized, participate in work life and earn their own income.

Economic and social inclusion is a necessity, not only for the individual refugee, but for sustainable societies built on trust, cohesion, and opportunities for all.

Thank you.