

**24th Meeting of the Working Group to the Aarhus Convention  
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Agenda item 7 (e): Agenda MOP 7**

**Norway**

Thank you Chair,

Norway would like to thank the Secretariat and the Bureau for preparing the draft elements of the provisional agenda of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties.

We support the draft. We agree with the EU statement in the July session of the Working Group that the joint High-level segment is an important part of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and to the Protocol, and that it shall highlight the valuable role of these unique instruments in strengthening the environmental democracy in the process of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals to the wider public through its declarations.

We therefore also support the inclusion of a thematic session in the High-level segment and the proposed topics on sustainable infrastructure and spatial planning. Although these topics in a number of countries, including Norway, are not the assigned responsibility of environmental ministries and might be very broad, we believe it should be possible to address them in a way relevant to and attracting the attention and participation of high level representatives from relevant ministries.

Thank you Chair