

**25th Meeting of the Working Group to the Aarhus Convention
(Virtual, 7-8 June 2021)
Agenda item 16: Adoption of outcomes**

Norway

Thank you Chair

Norway thanks the Secretariat for preparing the draft outcomes.

Norway proposes a change to the draft outcome for item 5 Promotion of the Convention and relevant developments and interlinkages, that was discussed in the first part of this meeting of the Working Group on the 3rd of May this year.

According to point (iv) under item 5 on page 3 of the draft outcomes, the Working Group "[w]elcomed efforts undertaken by Parties, other States, international organizations and stakeholders to promote a possible global recognition of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment;".

Similar language was proposed in a new para 3 bis of the draft decision on access to justice that was discussed yesterday during the second part of this meeting of the Working Group. Norway did not support the proposal and requested to replace "*welcomes*" by "*takes note of*" if a reference to efforts for the global recognition of such a right were to be kept, as we are not among the active proponents of global recognition of a right to a healthy and sustainable environment.

We ask for the same change in point (iv) under item 5 of the draft outcome, that is to replace "*welcomed*" by "*took note of*".

Thank you Chair