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Session 4 Effective Implementation

Statement by Norway

Madam Co-Chair,

Norway is generally pleased with Section B "Effective Implementation". We only have a few, very concrete suggestions for amendments to the language.

Regarding Urban Basic Services and para 121 on investments in sanitation infrastructure, we believe it is also important to underline the *operational requirements* to run these services. We would further suggest that the first sentence of para 123 on wastewater management be moved up and added to para 121, since para 121 covers sanitation and para 123 general waste management systems.

Finally, regarding para 124 on cultural heritage we would like to add one more sentence in order to emphasize the role of cultural heritage in urban development, the importance of stimulating participation and responsibility as well as inciting new use of architectural monuments and sites with the intention of value creation, through respectful restoration and adaptation.

I will submit these proposals in writing.

Thank you.