Norway, in cooperation with the UN, Germany and other partners, has offered to host an international donor conference for Syria. We are in dialogue with our partners to find a

suitable date.

Migration can be a driver for human mobility, development and growth. All societies need new ideas and knowledge. Many migrants are already contributing to our economies, our

cultures and our societies in very positive ways.

However, in order to exploit the opportunities that migration offers, we must understand the dynamics. We need to ensure that refugees are included in our societies and given opportunities. They must get a new home, a job and learn a new language. For Europe, it will be a challenge to successfully integrate the high number of refugees we are now welcoming to our countries. However, with a coordinated approach, I am confident we will succeed.

Furthermore, we need to bridge the gap between humanitarian assistance and development assistance in fragile States. Fragile States must be stabilised.

We need to engage development actors more extensively in this issue. And we need closer partnerships. Between all of us.

This meeting is an important step towards strengthening the international cooperation on migration. And I look forward to continuing this discussion in Valletta in November when European and African countries meet for the summit on migration.

Thank you.