

Organizational session of the Preparatory Committee  
of the 5<sup>th</sup> UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 8 February 2021.

Statement by Norway

First, let me congratulate Bangladesh and Canada on their election as Co-Chairs for the Preparatory Committee.

Norway will continue to be a strong voice and advocate for the LDCs.

Especially now, with the COVID-19 crisis de-

Looking a bit further ahead, we are, together with our Nordic neighbors, and the development community at large, focusing on Building Back – or rather: Building Forward – Better and Greener. With technological progress there are more feasible options to work simultaneously for development, for the environment and against climate change. We should use the crisis as an opportunity for better, more resilient and more inclusive solutions.

Norway looks forward to contributing actively towards a successful LDC Conference.

Thank you.