



**STATEMENT BETWEEN:
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY
AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

(for the purposes of clean innovation and mutual economic advancement)

On April 18, 2024: In recognition of the longstanding friendship, deeply-rooted cultural ties, shared priorities, and strong trade relations between the Kingdom of Norway and the state of Washington, we hereby affirm our commitment to substantive and durable cooperation between our respective governments.

Building on existing collaboration and relations, such as the Memorandum of Understanding between the Washington State Department of Commerce and Innovation Norway, we aim to strengthen our work together across several areas and industries of importance to Norway and Washington state, as well as our respective economies and communities.

1. Climate Action and Sustainability

Both Norway and Washington state understand the urgent need for concerted efforts to combat climate change and transition to a sustainable future. We intend to work closely together to advance clean energy technologies; promote renewable energy sources; encourage greater global ambition for climate action; and further trade, investment, and innovation that will enable the green transition.

2. Maritime Industry and Ocean Economy

Given Norway and Washington state's shared maritime heritage and world leading maritime sectors, we recognize the importance of a sustainable ocean economy locally and internationally. We will work towards deepened cooperation in fields such as maritime decarbonization, including electrification, ocean technology innovation, modernization of fishing and seafood industries, and maritime digitalization.

4. Space Industry

Recognizing the importance of space technology across a number of areas such as communications, observation, navigation, and research, including in the High-North, Norway and Washington state will explore ways in which to cooperate that will benefit our leading-edge space industries and related sectors.

5. Trade and Investment

Norway and Washington state mutually benefit from bilateral trade and investments. We will explore further ways to expand trade, facilitate investments, and promote innovation, create jobs and economic opportunities between us, particularly in the areas highlighted in this statement.

6. Expanded Policy Collaboration and People-to-People Connections

Norway and Washington state continue to develop cooperation in areas of shared interest between our respective governments and peoples. This is inclusive of the work presently underway between Norway and Washington state to foster correctional systems that focus on rehabilitation and safe and successful reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals, as well as other areas of mutual interest stemming from our strong community and cultural ties.

The Government of the Kingdom of Norway:



Ambassador Anniken Krutnes

The State of Washington:



Governor Jay Inslee