

Norwegian statement – ITC JAG – 26 January 2015

- First of all, I would like to align Norway's statement today with the joint donor statement presented by my colleague from Canada.
- Norway would like to thank ITC particularly for contributing to a successful outcome of the evaluation – for your openness to the recommendations and for your willingness to work with donors, taking our opinions and suggestions into account. As mentioned in the joint donor statement, Norway as well believes that the management's response presented today is thorough and responds well to the evaluators' findings.
- We acknowledge the importance of ITC being in a position to make strategic moves for the organization. In the future, Norway will continue to endeavor to provide adequate, predictable and longer term funding for ITC. Up until now, we have entered into two-year agreements with the ITC. At the next crossroad we will be happy to discuss even longer term financial commitments.
- Norway would like to take this opportunity to commend the ITC on their enhanced focus on results-based management. It is of utmost importance for the measuring of results that every project has a log frame showing direct contribution of the project to overall corporate goals. Norway will be eagerly following the progress of the "one ITC intervention logic". We appreciate ITCs efforts in measuring results and we are very much looking forward to ITC reporting on impact and outcomes to the CCITF and JAG as well as in the annual reports. Evidence-based results measurement will be of critical importance to obtain Norwegian funding in the future.
- Norway is also pleased to see ITCs focus on the importance of evaluations. We believe that project evaluations, if considered appropriate, should be planned for at an early stage. We agree that costs for evaluations should be included in project budgets and periodic evaluations at organizational level should be included in the organizational budget.
- We look forward to following the continued success of ITC in 2015.
- Thank you