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Background

The attached table contains information on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) developments reported by Norway as an addition to [document 2-8](#).

Action required

The Meeting is invited to

- take note of the information,
- consider merging the information with the information found in the country fiches, if considered relevant.

Maritime Spatial Planning developments reported by Contracting Parties/ Member Countries

Country	Information on MSP developments
Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several acts and regulations of importance for the maritime and coastal areas has been adopted or revised during the last years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Norwegian Planning and Building Act of 2008, including coastal zone planning. ○ The Norwegian Nature Diversity Act of 2009, including new marine protected areas, applies within territorial waters to 12 nautical miles beyond the coastal baseline. ○ Norwegian maritime management plans for the Barents, Norwegian and North Seas. ○ Coastal zone planning on regional and local level, according to the Planning and Building Act. • The Norwegian government and ministerial structure has been restructured since the elections of 2013. Ministries responsible in maritime and coastal sectors are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ministry of Climate and Environment The Ministry has a particular responsibility for carrying out the environmental policies of the Government. ○ Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation The Ministry is responsible for housing policy, the Planning and Building Act, local government finances and administration, ICT Policy and Public Sector Reform, rural and regional policy, the conduct of elections, government employer policy, Sami and minority affairs and national mapping and geodata policy. ○ Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries The Ministry is responsible for trade, industry and seafood policy. ○ Ministry of Petroleum and Energy The principal responsibility of the Ministry is to achieve a coordinated and integrated energy policy. A primary objective is to ensure high value creation through efficient and environment-friendly management of Norway's energy resources. ○ Ministry of Transport and Communications The Ministry has overall responsibility for the framework conditions for postal and telecommunications activities, for the civil aviation, public roads and rail transport sector, ferry services forming part of the national road system, for coastal management, the marine environment and port and sea transport policy. • The Norwegian government has started a <u>local government reform to secure future welfare</u>. This contains a comprehensive plan for a local government reform during this Storting session. The reform will result in larger municipalities that can take on additional responsibilities and more autonomy.