**General comments**

The Country Programme for Turkey is very well formulated and structured. It seems to devote enough attention to the pressing challenges with regards to the Syrian refugees and the basic educational needs of their children. Especially commendable is the focus put on early childhood development and elimination of child labour.

In the spirit of “Leaving no one behind”, it is positive that the Country Programme also addresses the most vulnerable children in Turkey by supporting the already existing governmental and non-profit sector programs.

Integration of empowerment of women and girls in the programme is a valuable priority and in line with the Norwegian foreign policy goals. We expect the country programme to be well-anchored in a gender transformative and human rights-based approach.

The budget and the financial plan seem to be realistic, with most of the funds allocated to young children and adolescents.

**Comments on specific aspects of the country programme document**

*(Delegations providing comments may wish to include details, such as the page number, paragraph number, or page of the annexed results and resources framework).*

The aspect of social cohesion between the refugee/immigrant population and the host community is particularly important in Turkey with 3,7 million Syrian refugees. In light of the increased social tensions, it is crucial to engage to create positive relationship between refugees/immigrants and the local communities, which seems to be one of the programmes’ aims (page 6/15).

It is important to establish a close relationship with the local and central governments. It is also beneficial to help support the institutional capacity of the already existing frameworks, which seems to be understood well as one of the programmes’ priorities (page 6/15, 7/15).

The components mentioned in paragraphs 29 and 32 are important (page 7/15) to Norway, and we look forward to more information on these issues in the Strategy Note.
| | To Norway, access to and knowledge about sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights are important to fulfill the health and wellbeing of adolescent, youth, girls and women. |