

Statement to the second UN global sustainable transport conference, Beijing 15. October 2021.

- Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen. I would like to thank China for hosting the second UN global sustainable transport conference.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is one of the most important challenges we face, and the transport sector is crucial to achieve this goal.
- In Norway, the transport sector accounts for about a third of total emissions. Therefore, we continue the work of making transport greener.
- For example, we are proud to be world-leading in the transition to zero-emission cars. 8 in 10 new cars sold in Norway in September this year were electric.
- Today I would like to focus on and reiterate Norway's commitments for a sustainable maritime transport sector.
- Throughout history, ships have connected people and cultures and carried food and goods. Today, 80 % of globally traded goods are transported on sea.
- In April 2018 the IMO adopted ambitions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping by 50 % within 2050.
- Norway was proud to take a leading role in negotiating these ambitions.
- Fulfilling IMO's ambitions will be challenging and will fundamentally change the maritime transport sector as we know

it.

- To achieve substantial cuts in emissions from international shipping, we need to introduce carbon-free fuel and zero-emission solutions.
- Norway introduced the world's first LNG-ferry in 2000, and the first fully electric ferry in 2015. Next year the world's first hydrogen ferry will start operating in Norway.
- The first Norwegian ammonia-fuelled vessel will be ready for operation in the offshore sector in 2024.
- Another example from Norway is conversion of cargo ships from diesel to battery hybrid. This will cut NOX emissions by 90%.
- Norwegian companies are also cooperating with Chinese actors in developing sustainable solutions such as low-emission passenger vessels on the Pearl River.
- Developing these innovative solutions creates new opportunities for economic growth and more green jobs in the maritime industries.
- Norway will continue to lead an ambitious policy to cut emissions from our national maritime transport sector.
- We are committed to continue taking an active role in strengthening environmental ambitions in the IMO.
- And Norway will continue to share our experiences with developing countries seeking to transform their maritime transport sector.
- Thank you for your attention.