



24 October 2014 - Norway has no intention of cutting its contributions to the UN by 20% as had been reported by Norwegian media.

The Norwegian Foreign Ministry has issued a statement, where it corrects a dispatch by a news agency alleging a 20% overall cut. The news agency story generated news in the media on forthcoming cuts, including on UNRIC's website

In its budget proposal the Norwegian government's aim is that contributions to individual UN agencies should be at 'at least the same level as in the current budget', according to the Foreign Ministry's statement.

There are, however, some changes within the budget, since as reported, UNDP will have its Norwegian contribution cut by 50 million Norwegian kronors (from 701 million to 660 million) or \$ 7.6 million.

'Despite this Norway will continue to be one of the biggest contributors to the core budget of the UNPD', says the Foreign Ministry.

On the other hand Norway's contribution to WFP (World Food Programme) will be increased by 42 millions NOK (\$ 6.4 million) , and Norway's obligatory fees to the UN will also increase by \$ 2.7 million) due to changes in the basis of calculations of contributions.