**Position Paper**

**Committee:** United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
**Country:** Norway
**Agenda:** Regulating Artificial Intelligence to Prevent Digital Colonialism

**I. Introduction**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a transformative force in the 21st century, impacting economies and societies. However, unchecked development may lead to Digital Colonialism, where a few entities dominate and undermine the sovereignty and data rights of others. Norway advocates for ethical technology and recognizes the need for global, inclusive AI regulations to address this threat.

**II. Norway’s Policies and Past Actions**

Norway believes AI should serve humanity, not dominate it. Digital colonialism reflects a power imbalance where data extraction and technological dependency create inequality, particularly for developing nations. Norway upholds key principles in AI governance:

1. Transparency and Accountability in algorithmic systems
2. Data Sovereignty and protection of individual privacy
3. Open and Inclusive Access to AI infrastructure and training datasets
4. Support for Global South nations in capacity building and technological independence

Norway asserts that **AI governance must be built on international cooperation**, guided by democratic values, and respect for national digital autonomy.

Norway has consistently championed ethical and inclusive digital development:

1. Norwegian Digital Strategy (2023–2030) emphasizes transparency, fairness, and responsible use of AI across sectors.
2. As part of the OECD, Norway contributed to formulating the OECD AI Principles, advocating for AI that is trustworthy and human-centric.
3. Norway supports the Global Partnership on AI (GPAI), promoting collaborative AI research and policy aligned with fundamental rights.
4. Through its development aid agency, Norad, Norway funds digital literacy, infrastructure, and governance frameworks in several developing countries to bridge the digital divide.

**III. Proposed Solutions**

To address digital colonialism and regulate AI responsibly, Norway proposes the following:

1. Require algorithmic transparency with public documentation and audit trails for all exported AI systems.
2. Create an International Data Justice Charter to safeguard personal and national data ownership and ethical use.
3. Launch a Global AI Solidarity Fund to support AI research and capacity building in least-developed countries.
4. Ban AI surveillance exports to authoritarian regimes that violate human rights.
5. Promote open-source AI initiatives to encourage inclusive innovation.

Norway also calls for **periodic global AI assessments** under the auspices of the UNGA or a specialized UN AI body.

**Conclusion**

Norway, as a technologically advanced and socially conscious nation, is committed to preventing AI development from repeating past extractive hierarchies. We believe that digital progress should be shared and prioritize a human-centric, equitable regulatory ecosystem to harness AI's potential while avoiding digital colonialism.

Norway stands ready to collaborate with all Member States to make this vision a reality.