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To whom it may concern,

The RSPCA Animals in Science Department has collaborated and liaised with Norecopa for well over two decades. During this time, Norecopa has continuously developed and grown into an essential organisation that is widely engaged with and highly respected by the global scientific community.

All of Norecopa's work is inclusive, accessible, user-friendly and promoted extremely effectively, enabling the organisation to achieve maximum impact. The Norecopa databases in particular have contributed significantly towards the implementation of replacement, reduction and refinement in research and education globally. The Norecopa newsletter, and meetings calendar, are also widely used to keep up to date with a wide range of topics and events that are relevant to animal research and testing, often including information that is not shared anywhere else.

Norecopa's innovative and comprehensive PREPARE guidelines have had a particularly strong impact with respect to improving animal welfare, the 3Rs and scientific quality. Norecopa has also provided valuable support for the international Culture of Care network, including hosting its webpage and physical meetings. The RSPCA strongly supports, and promotes, all of Norecopa's resources and initiatives, and so do our colleagues in the UK, European Union and beyond.

Given the high quality and inclusiveness of all Norecopa's initiatives and resources to date, and the strategic way in which it identifies and addresses relevant topics with animal research, testing and education, I believe that it is an asset to Norway. More support, and resources, for Norecopa would be a highly worthwhile investment to help enable better quality, more thoughtful and humane science worldwide.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Penny Hawkins', written over a horizontal line.

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