

Mongolia

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STATEMENT BY THE MONGOLIAN DELEGATION

Thank you, Madam President, for giving me this opportunity to speak on behalf of Dr. Batjargal, Minister of the Environment of Mongolia, who is unable to arrive today and to attend this session due to commitments.

Madam President,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you, Madam President, on your election to the presidency of this First Session of the Conference of the Parties, which is to play an important role in implementing the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Also I wish to express my greetings to the Convention Secretariat, for their efforts in overcoming the most difficult stages of the Convention and successful preparations to this Session.

May I express our sincere thanks to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, which is hosting this high level meeting, and for providing all possibilities in successful organization of it. Taking this opportunity, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Government of Federal Republic of Germany, for its kind assistance in

the protection of Mongolia's environment, for implementing very important projects to this end.

Madam President,

The Government of Mongolia attaches a great importance to the global and regional environmental issues, in particular to the questions of climate changes, and to legal acts adopted internationally in this field. Therefore, the Prime Minister of Mongolia signed in Rio De Janeiro the United Nations Convention on Climate Change and made effort in making it into force. The Parliament of Mongolia ratified it in June 1993. That was, in certain sense, the contribution of Mongolia to taking the Convention into force.

Madam President,

Mongolia's natural and climate conditions play an important role in the social and economic development of the country because of its geographical position and peculiarities of economic structure. On the other side, the natural and ecological condition of Mongolia is one of sensitive places for the global climate change. Therefore, the Government of Mongolia attaches a great importance to the UN Convention on Climate Change and undertakes concrete measures to implement it. Our activities on this field are focusing on estimation of National Greenhouse Gases Emissions and Sinks, and assessment of the impacts of potential climate change to the environment and economy of the country. Mongolia shall elaborate and implement a national policy to stabilize and reduce a possible negative impact of environmental and climate changes in near future. In this context, I would like to underline the importance of bilateral and multilateral cooperation. In particular, I wish to mention the projects that are been implemented under

the United State's Country Studies Program, and United Nations Development Program and Global Environmental Facility.

As a result of climate changes in the region there is a tendency of desertification in the steppe- and Gobi regions of our country. This tendency has a negative impact on Mongolia's social and economic spheres and makes obstacles in its development. That kind of negative impacts of climate changes is might be also observed in the arid and semi-arid areas of the central part of Asia. This once again confirms the fact that coordinated regional and national policy on stabilization of environmental and climate changes are necessary, and step by step measures should be undertaken, what should be the basis for the country's sustainable development.

Madam President,

The delegation of Mongolia underlines the necessity of coordinated cooperation on international, in particular on regional level, to implement the Convention on climate change. Developing countries should attach a great attention not only to the questions of their social and economic development, but also to its negative impacts on nature and environment. On the other hand, the economic capacity of these countries makes it difficult to undertake a wide-range measure for environment protection. The government of Mongolia considers that, in order to overcome these difficulties it is of great importance to implement effectively the Climate Convention's provisions, to use more efficiently its financial mechanisms. We need a good backgrounded and coordinated policy on reducing anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases. It is our earnest hope that joint efforts of the Parties will bring concrete results.

Madam President,

In conclusion, I wish to underline once again that the United Nations Convention on Climate Change will take an important contribution to the settlement of global climate change issues on the international level. The Government of Mongolia hopes that the First Session of the Conference of the Parties to this Convention shall play an important role in its implementation. The Secretariat and its subsidiary bodies to be established by the Conference shall, of course, contribute to a great extent to its successful implementation. Mongolia attaches also a great importance to the efforts and coordinated policies of the Parties to the Convention, and of all countries of the world. Mongolia shall fulfill properly its responsibilities taken according to the Convention and shall make its contribution to common efforts of the world to reduce climate change which is becoming one of the urgent problems that the humanity faces today.

Thank you very much
