

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Luimed GANSUKH, Member of Parliament and Minister of
Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia at the COP19/CMP7 High Level
Segment**

**Thank you Madam President,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Let me begin by extending our warm congratulations to you, Madame President, on your well-deserved election and pledge my delegation's full support in discharge of your important duties.

I would like to thank the Government and people of South Africa and the historic city of Durban for hosting this conference and excellent arrangements and warm hospitalities given to the participants in the conference.

Madam President,

Time is running faster than our actions. Therefore, the Durban conference should make great progress in fulfilling the mandate of Bali Action Plan and reaching agreements in long-term cooperation and future commitments of the countries.

Mongolia attaches great importance to the operationalization of the Green Climate Fund recognizing its important role in implementing climate change response measures in developing countries. In addition, we re-affirm the importance of adaptation issues that enable developing countries to reduce its vulnerabilities to adverse impacts of climate change. My country also urges to establish creative mechanisms of technology transfer and capacity building of developing countries.

Madam President,

Climate change poses serious risks and challenges to all countries in the world, particularly the most vulnerable countries to the adverse effects of climate change, especially the Least developing countries, Landlocked developing countries, Small Island Developing States and countries in Africa. However, vulnerable conditions of Landlocked developing countries are not reflected appropriately in legal documents related to actions on climate change. As we all know, in many Resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly on climate

change issued during last years have recognized the high vulnerabilities of this group of countries to adverse impacts of climate change. Therefore, Mongolia hopes that in accordance to the Article 4.8 of the UNFCCC, the specific concerns related to climate change of Landlocked developing countries with fragile ecosystem and very vulnerable social and economic sectors to climate change should be reflected appropriately in outcomes of the Durban conference.

Madam President,

As one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, Mongolia is already experiencing with serious problems of land degradation, desertification, deforestation, glaciers and permafrost melting, water scarcity, loss of biodiversity and urban air pollution accelerated by adverse impacts of climate change. These unfavorable changes will impact on all social and economic sectors of the country. Therefore, the Government of Mongolia draws great attention to climate change issues and undertakes concrete measures. The National Action Programme on climate change was approved by the Parliament of the country in January 2011. Accordingly, the Government has already started the implementation of the program approving an Action Plan of implementation of this program.

These program and plan include both adaptation and mitigation measures that will be implemented with close linkage with national and sectoral development programs. We look for the GHG mitigation as a multi-benefit measures not only to reduce GHG emissions, but also to introduce environmentally friendly technologies in our energy and industry sectors and achieve low-carbon and green development visions of the country, with a view to ensuring sustainable development.

Madam President,

In conclusion, **Madam President**, Mongolia reaffirms her strong position to take urgent actions and measures to protect the global climate for present and future generations of humankind. For this purpose, the Durban Conference on Climate change should approve concrete decisions to address the risks and challenges caused by climate change that expect the humanity, particularly who are already faced with these problems.

Thank you for your kind attention