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Sustainable Development: Implementation of Agenda 21,
the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes
of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the
United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement made by distinguished
representatives of Fiji on behalf of G-77 and China and with the statement presented by
the distinguished Representative of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, speaking on
behalf of the Group of LLDCs.

Mr. Chairman,

Environmental change is happening rapidly and exponentially. A great deal of work
lies ahead to ensure that the new agenda include everyone. We must put sustainable
development in the core of the post-2015 development agenda, and must address the
threats to humanity from climate change and environmental degradation.

We need a universal agenda that requires profound transformation in the way our
economies work and our societies are organized and well governed. The Government of
Mongolia believes that we must exercise our collective responsibility and deliberate on one
shared agenda for sustainable development.
Mongolia keenly cares for environment and undertakes our responsibilities in addressing climate change challenges and threats. In this respect, my Government acts in robust and coherent manner by putting in place the Green Development Policy across the economy, restructuring government institutions and setting up a core-line Ministry for Environment and Green Development.

We have created and preserved National Parks to curb desertification. Our National Parks can be the backbone of ecotourism that would generate income and green jobs.

Mongolia has an ambition to set up "Asian Network for Green Development" to produce renewable energy and provide Asia's consumption. Mongolia's first wind farm, which is privately owned, is now in operation. Research estimated data suggests that wind energy reserve in Mongolia has potential to produce electricity for all consumption of our south neighbour, one of the world's biggest markets and if to add our solar energy reserve, we can provide all of Asia with electricity.

While recalling the need to facilitate the dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies, which has been universally recognized since at least 1972, my delegation wishes to thank the UN Secretary-General for presenting his report and options for a way forward to address the issue. Mongolia supports recommendations contained in the document A/68/310 and believes that implementation of those recommendations would be significant contribution to achieve our common goals.

Mr. Chairman,

More than a two degree increase should be unimaginable. Yet to stop at 2 degrees, global emissions have to peak very soon. There is a great deal of more awareness of the impact of climate change, including the potential for future losses from unprecedented and unheard of before natural disasters. We cannot fail in nurturing and protecting our planet and our future. Therefore, Mongolia welcomes the initiative to hold the Climate Change Summit next year and hopes that the Summit will make significant steps to address the climate change global agenda.

Many rivers, streams and lakes are shrinking due to the global warming. That threatening facts pose challenges not only to Mongolia, but also to many other countries. We need an integrated approach to water resource management as agreed upon at the Rio+20. Therefore, my delegation hopeful that Mongolia's proposal to have a particular UN body on water will enjoy wider support.
We do face many other environmental problems such as desertification, land degradation, deforestation, natural disasters and pollution. These issues all sought to be resolved urgently and collectively. Education to nurture, promotion of public participation and contribution in addressing environmental challenges are a key. Therefore, hosting the United Nations World Environment Day at home this year was an important event for Mongolia. Being at the centre of the international transition to a Green Economy, Mongolian public, particularly youth were enthusiastic to offer their hands for the better future. We believe that all stakeholders should make their contribution to save the planet.

Mr. Chairman,

At the United Nations Conference Roi+20, Members States agreed to build on successes of the MDGs and to develop a set of goals for sustainable development that are global nature and universally applicable. In this respect, Mongolia attaches an importance to the work of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development and as well as the efforts has been made by the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing.

My delegation shares the view that the sustainable development goals must be more ambitious and must be at the centre of a transformational agenda. We also believe that financing and effective means of implementation of sustainable development objectives are crucial importance to Members States, particularly to those with special needs. Thus, Mongolia is hopeful that the Open Working Group and the Intergovernmental Committee will conclude their work with concrete proposals for SDGs and as well as with practical way forward options for effective financing strategies to facilitate the mobilization of resources in coherence with the post-2015 agenda.

As we established the universal intergovernmental mechanism for better governance for achieving sustainable development agenda, the High Level Political Forum has the critical and primary responsibility for full implementation of sustainable development commitment. The Forum should also undertake its duty within its follow up processes to ensure to bring cohesion and coordination of implementation of sustainable development goals in the context of the post-2015 development agenda. Therefore, recommendations, contained in document A/68/321, proposed by the UN Secretary-General should be taken seriously into our considerations and deliberations.

I thank you. Mr. Chairman