STATEMENT BY H.E. Mr. LUVSANTSEREN ORGIL, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MONGOLIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA AT THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW, HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Mr. President, Madam High Commissioner, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, the delegation of Mongolia would like to welcome His Excellency, Minister ... who is leading the delegation of People's Republic of China for the Universal Periodic Review.

Mongolian delegation commends the Chinese Government's commitment to implement the recommendations made in the first cycle of the UPR.

We are pleased to note certain progress made by the Chinese Government concerning the laws and regulations on press and publications, which resulted in the increased number of publications both in printed and electronic form. My delegation believes that further efforts in this regard would bring positive impact on the access to information.

Furthermore, we would like to underline the achievements that have been recorded by the country on providing education, affordable housing, social and healthcare services to its citizens since the first cycle of UPR.

Mongolia also welcomes the continued collaboration of China with the relevant UN institutions and human rights treaty bodies, and its commitment to increased engagement with international community in the field of human rights. While acknowledging China's active engagement and contribution in ratification of some of the human rights conventions and treaties, Mongolia recommends that China continue its efforts on ratification of other human rights instruments.

Thank you for attention.