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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Universal Periodic Review of the Bhutan
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Mr. President,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We wish to express our appreciation to the Government of Bhutan for submitting the second comprehensive National Report as well as for the detailed presentation of the report by the Bhutan delegation.

Mongolia welcomes the steps and efforts made by the Government of Bhutan for the implementation of the recommendations accepted during its first Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in 2009.

Mr. President,

We would like to underline the noteworthy achievements attained by the country in a relatively short period of time on strengthening the democracy, upholding the rule of law, protecting and promoting human rights.

Mongolia appreciates the new legislation passed by the Parliament to strengthen human rights including the Child Care and Protection Act, the Anti-Corruption Act and other acts promoting the judicial independence, legal reform and safeguarding full enjoyment of human rights.

We acknowledge that Bhutan is supportive of constructive engagement with civil society and cooperates in good faith with all relevant international human rights mechanisms.

Mr. President,

The delegation of Mongolia warmly welcomes the signing of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2010 and calls upon the Government of Bhutan to consider joining the international human rights instruments including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in near future.

My delegation recommends the Government of Bhutan to request for technical assistance and cooperation, as deemed appropriate, from the international community including relevant UN and specialized agencies with a view to ensuring the promotion and protection of the full spectrum of human rights of its people.

As a conclusion, the delegation of Mongolia extends its best wishes for the success to the Government of the Bhutan in its effort in building a harmonious democratic society with rule of law, justice and equality and enjoyment of all human rights.

Thank you for attention.