

Universal Periodical Review of Mongolia  
5 May 2015  
Intervention by the delegation of Estonia

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of Mongolia.

We recognize Mongolia's work in promoting human rights through the Community of Democracies and invite Mongolia to continue to strengthen dialogue with civil society.

Estonia notes with appreciation, that since its previous review, Mongolia has become part of the majority of international human rights instruments. We welcome the ratification of the

Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR aimed at the abolition of the death penalty (ICCPR-OP2) and the Optional Protocol to CAT (OP-CAT).

Estonia also notes that Mongolia has imposed *de facto* moratorium on the death penalty. Further we call on Mongolian authorities to continue efforts to speed up the ratification of the draft Criminal Code which includes the clause on the abolition of the death penalty.

Estonia welcomes the adoption of several important laws, such as the Law on Combating Human Trafficking, the Law on Promotion of Gender Equality, the Law on regulating private interest in public service and prevention of conflict of interest and others. Hereby we stress that the implementation of the adopted laws and the full alignment of its national legislation with the international obligations without unnecessary delay is of key importance.

Estonia notes positively the Government-initiated draft Law on Crime which decriminalizes defamation and expects its speedy ratification in order to bring its national legislation into conformity with international norms.

We note with concern deficiencies with regard to child rights' and invite the authorities of Mongolia to effectively address the issues of violence against children, child labor and rights of disabled children for inclusive education.

Estonia would like to stress the need to effectively implement measures to protect the rights of LGBT people. We welcome the official registration of the LGBT Centre and note with appreciation the indication by Mongolia of the need for a public awareness-raising campaign regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons.

Estonia would like to make the following **recommendations** to the Government of Mongolia:

- to fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the ICC and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts, and ratify the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court (APIC);
- to lift the declaration of recognizing Article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD);
- to ensure that journalists, media workers as well as civil society activists are able to practice their activities freely without any fair for punishment in accordance with international standards.

Finally, Estonia very warmly notes the active participation of Mongolia in the Freedom Online Coalition in global fora and in organizing the Fifth Conference in Ulaanbaatar held yesterday and today. Thank You!