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Statement by H. E. Mr. Rytis Paulauskas, Ambassador,

Permanent Representative of Lithuania

at the review of Mongolia

Mr. President,

Lithuania welcomes the esteemed delegation of Mongolia and thanks for the informative National Report.

Lithuania welcomes the progress of Mongolia achieved since the first cycle, namely, ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. While welcoming the moratorium on capital punishment since 2010, Lithuania recommends abolishing death penalty and providing the families of executed persons with relevant declassified information.

Noting with appreciation the judicial reform in Mongolia, Lithuania nevertheless recommends to investigate all cases of corruption in the judicial system. Lithuania also recommends to further improve access to the legal aid through the established centers in all provinces by providing them with necessary financing and qualified human resources.

Finally, Lithuania wishes Mongolia success in the UPR process.

Thank you.