**Statement by Bhutan**

**Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (Mongolia), Twenty-second session 4–15 May 2015**

Mr. President,

Bhutan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Mongolia, led by H.E……..and congratulate them for presenting a comprehensive report on implementation of the recommendations received during their first review and the additional efforts to further strengthen the human rights normative framework.

We are pleased to note the initiatives in the area of women’s right, in particular, the enactment of the law on gender equality, which aims at expanding women’s opportunities in public works and provides a legal framework for women’s empowerment.

Further, we welcome the government’s increasing efforts in combating violence against children, including the disabled. Notably, the government’s effort to realise the strategic policy paper on enhancement of child protection, through series of planned activities are reflective of the government’s commitment to implement the UPR recommendations.

Finally, we would recommend to the government of Mongolia to strengthen the delivery of primary health care within national and subnational health systems, to expand coverage and access; and to address the challenges related to the health system.

I thank you Mr. President.