STATEMENT OF H.E. MR. UKHNAA KHURELSUKH, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF MONGOLIA, ON THE 5TH SESSION OF THE GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Cancun, Mexico

Dear Chairman of the global platform,

Ladies and gentleman,

Good afternoon,

I would like to start my speech with vote of thanks to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the United Mexican State for hosting the “5th Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction”.

On behalf of the Government of Mongolia and myself, I would also thank to the international and regional counterparts for their committed partnership in fostering the implementation of crucial goals of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and sustainable development in Mongolia and the Asia.

In the last 20 years of development, despite the fact that Asia and the Pacific region has achieved great milestone in social and economic development which brought positive effect in poverty alleviation and reduced inequality, the region is still vulnerable to natural disasters. Thousands of people remain vulnerable and suffered from disasters. Mongolia is one of those country experiences severe losses of disasters.

In compliance with regional and global agenda, Mongolia has ratified Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Sustainable Development Agenda-2030 as well as the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

I am delighted to emphasize that Mongolia has specifically mainstreamed and localized the implementation of those globally enforced policy frameworks into its national sustainable development agenda, and developed short, medium and long term strategies to be implemented at national and inter-sectorial level.

It is also worth to note that Mongolia has become one of the first nation who made transformation in its disaster law and renewed its policy agenda in compliance with those key global frameworks such as Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the Sustainable Development Agenda-2030.

By reformulating the law on Disaster Protection, Mongolia has eventually legalized the establishment of national and local platform for disaster risk reduction, introduced new approaches of investment and insurance as part of the risk transferring mechanisms, initiated national level comprehensive risk management and coordination mechanism in disaster risk reduction activities.

We have recently drafted the National level Action Plan for Sendai Framework for Disaster risk reduction and seeking for the approval by Government, which was built on the Asian regional plan of implementation adopted as an outcome of the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in New Delhi, India in 2016,

Ladies and Gentleman,

Mongolia is a land locked country with extreme weather condition that is located in the Central Asian region with highly intense seismic movements. Almost two third of the nation population is lived in the highly dense urban settlements.

Asia and the Pacific region suffers most from disaster incidents occurred worldwide and socio and economic losses imposed from those incidents.

Rapid socio-economic growth in Asia and the Pacific region is resulted in increased urbanization, high centralization of the population, industrialization, and ecosystem degradation, depletion of natural resources and in-efficient land management which produces emerging disaster and climate risks.

It is now our primary responsibility to ensure coherence between the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goal-2030, in implementing the Asian regional plan of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The Government of Mongolia urges all the participating countries and nation states attending the 5th Session of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, to take following actions and unite their efforts,

1. To build and plan disaster resilient infrastructure and invest in resilient urbanization to reduce the risk factors imposed from population density and increased urbanization in the region.
2. To establish disaster risk database or an integrated risk profile in the region and to ensure the infrastructure of communication of this information between the nation states.
3. To call on the leadership role of politicians, parliamentarians, each individual, women and children, people with disability in disaster risk reduction to make cities resilient.
4. To increase the efficiency of collaboration between the international and regional mechanisms committed their action in disaster risk reduction, and to enforce public and private partnershi

Also, it is my intense pleasure to announce that Mongolia, is hosting the next “2nd Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction” in July 2018, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and started its preparatory processes. By organizing this important event, the Government of Mongolia reiterates its commitment and obligation under the United Nations as well as made its contribution to the global disaster risk reduction effort.

This conference in Ulaanbaatar will deliver following key outcomes;

- Regional nation states to support the implementation of the outcome of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction held in Cancun.

- To organize policy level dialogue on the themes of Building disaster resilient infrastructure, Developing public-private partnership in disaster risk reduction, which are the focus areas identified by the Government of Mongolia.

- To implement the mid-term goals of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction-2020 in compliance with the monitoring indicators of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

I firm believe that nation states will support the organization of the 2nd Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in Ulaanbaatar next year and on behalf of the Government of Mongolia, I invite you to visit the beautiful country of Mongolia

I would express my willingness to extend intense collaboration with nation states to ensure the safe living of the global population with no exposure to disaster.

All the best to you!

Thank you for your attention!

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