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Madam Chairperson,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Government of Mongolia attaches particular importance to the priority theme of this session of the Commission, the Status of Women (COW), including ensuring gender equality, in particular improving the situation of rural women and promoting rural development is critical for implementing the Millennium Development Goals, being promoting sustainable development.

A lot has been achieved in advancing the situation of rural women in many countries around the world since the adoption of Beijing Platform of Action and MDGs. Yet, still a lot more needs to be done to deliver on our commitments and promises to the rural women. In this respect, I believe that a targeted development strategy based on their best practices will be more effective.

My Government is fully committed to the advancement of rural women. Mongolia has been the main sponsor of the General Assembly resolution on improving the situation of rural women. At the national level we have introduced Gender Equality Law, MDGs and MDGs based Comprehensive National Development Strategy, as well as other relevant programs. Our main focus in recent years has been on women's economic empowerment through support for household development and small and medium size production. For instance, in 2011 my Government allocated about 300 million dollars as support for small and medium size businesses, 70 percent of them are run by women entrepreneurs.

Our efforts also include promotion of increased access to reproductive health services and addressing gender-based violence and discrimination. Furthermore, great achievements have been made in strengthening the national mechanism for gender equality and providing an enabling legal environment.

However, weak infrastructure, economic inequality and remoteness of rural settlements along with high vulnerability to natural disasters are still hindering our efforts in implementing policies aimed at improving the situation of rural women. In order

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...of the critical issues that warrant global attention. ... of rural population ... our attitude towards nature and environment and enhancing disaster risk management capabilities.

Madam Chair,

...Another emerging challenge is ... formulation of an appropriate state policy in ... countries over the ... needs of the local population. Poverty among rural women and their subsequent migration to urban areas could be substantially reduced through making rural small and medium-size producers as main suppliers for mining companies as well as through ... insurance and other welfare issues.

Madam Chair,

...reduced ... my delegation wishes to propose to the ... Fund for projects ... designed to economically empower rural women, including assisting interested ... micro-credit funds and women's banks.

I thank you for your attention.