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Mr. Chairman,

Since my delegation is speaking the first time to this Session of the Committee, I wish to congratulate to you and other colleagues in the Bureau on your election. We are confident that your experience and skills will guide this Committee towards optimum results. I assure my delegation's full support and cooperation.

We associate ourselves with the statement of the Group of 77 and China made by Algeria.

I would like to thank the Secretary-General for his reports submitted under this agenda item- "Advancement of Women". We also appreciate the contribution of the UN-Women in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of my delegation, I wish to reaffirm Mongolia's strong commitment to the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome of the Twenty-third Special Session of the General Assembly, as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

The establishment of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) was a landmark in advancing our efforts for gender equality and women's empowerment. The Government of Mongolia supports efforts of the UN-Women and has decided to make financial contributions to its operational activities annually. We look forward to closer cooperation with the UN-Women in implementing our development objectives, including the gender-related goals.

Advancement of women, promotion of gender equality and women's participation in decision-making levels are integral part of our national development agenda. Recently, the Parliament of Mongolia adopted the Gender Equality Law. According to this law, it requires that up to 40 percent of public service positions, including decision-making posts ought to be available for women. New Electoral Law adopted earlier this year imposed quotas on political parties to have women candidates. We have seen a major progress in the implementation of those regulations and tripled the number of women MPs as result of parliamentarian election held last June. And also number of female members of the Cabinet has increased.

Mr. Chairman,

The Government of Mongolia also attaches an importance to the economic empowerment of women. Our main focus in this area was to extend a support through household development and promotion of small and medium-size production. In 2011 the Government allocated 300 million dollars for soft loans to small and medium size businesses, and 70 percent of them were run by women entrepreneurs.

As a main sponsor of the bi-annual General Assembly resolution on "Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas", my delegation welcomes the work of the 56th session of CSW and its deliberations under the theme of the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges.

We believe that rural women are critical agents in poverty reduction, food security and environmental sustainability. During the 56th session of the CSW, delegation of Mongolia organized the side-event and had a discussion on "Rural women: Are we delivering on our commitments?". Twenty rural women from different part of Mongolia came to New York and shared their first-hand experiences in addressing daily life challenges. Representatives of all stakeholders, including government, relevant international organizations and civil society also had an exchange of their views on what has been done and what still remains to be delivered with regard to commitments to improve the overall situation of rural women within the framework of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and the Beijing Platform for Action. We consider that such kind of deliberations should be further promoted.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, I wish to express our appreciation to the Secretary-General for his presentation of important recommendations for further measures to enhance the implementation of gender equality mandates, which contained in document A/67/185. My delegation fully supports those recommendations.

I Thank you, Mr. Chairman