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AT THE FIRST SESSION OF GLOBAL PLATFORM  
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**



Distinguished guests and participants,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

In recent years, as a result of global climatic changes, degradation of nature there is an increase in the frequency and impact of natural hazards in most regions of the world, especially in Asia.

The recurrence of these disasters reminds us of how big and huge our responsibility for saving, preserving and protecting human lives, properties and cultural heritages is; and how important the readiness and willingness of the nations and states for helping each other and the timely actions and appropriate response, which meet the international requirements, of professional agencies and units are.

There are clear examples which are the consecutive earthquakes, hurricane, tsunami and floods occurred in the several countries of Asia and the United States and Europe, which has shocked and disturbed the world community, in which thousands of people died and perished. Also, there are still occur industrial accidents in some countries and become cause of human life.

In Mongolia, there are occur 10 types of disasters such as drought, dzud, steppe and forest fires, flood, severe snow and dust storms, human and animal infectious diseases and desertification, which may cause of huge number of human life and great loss of economy. Their harmful consequences are making difficulties to fighting them.

In the Framework for Action 2005-2015, Mongolia has made the following reforms in its disaster management structure:

- The Law on Disaster Protection was adopted by the State Great Hural-Parliament of Mongolia in 2005, has strengthened the legal environment of disaster protection. This amended law has reinforced competences and framework of activities of the disaster protection activities of the country while reflecting the common measures of disaster reduction and international advanced practices that fit and ensure safety and security of

the Mongolian people. In the framework of the Law on Disaster Protection, legal documents of emergency management organization were developed and approved by the Government of Mongolia, and these documents are in the way of implementation.

- Drafts of Law on resource and some state policy documents on disaster protection have been developed and submitted to the Government.
- Special plans and programs on disaster risk reduction and implementation disaster management in all levels, increasing personal capacity building and strengthening techniques, equipments are been developed.
- Systems of assessment for disaster risk and vulnerability is been making.
- International organizations and associations are paying attentions to developing countries. Many projects and programs on health, desertification, poverty alleviation are implemented in Mongolia. One of them is UNDP project named Strengthening Disaster Mitigation and Management System in Mongolia.

The Government of Mongolia is planning to implement the following activities in the framework of the reform in the future. There are: developing disaster study, giving education on disaster protection to the community, making training system for professional personal, strengthening the network of disaster information and communication and creating information data, extending foreign relationship and cooperation, to cooperate with international organization in order to increase disaster protection national capacity building.

I have no doubt that relationship and cooperation with foreign countries and international organizations as well resolutions and recommendations from the First Session of global Platform of the Disaster Risk Reduction will help us to implement the above activities.

Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the Government of Mongolia, I would like to wish more success for your activities on implementing Global Platform for disaster risk reduction and strengthening disaster protection nation wide and regional capacity building.

Thank you for your attention.