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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

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**STATEMENT OF MR. KHURELSUKH UKHNAA, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF
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Dear Chairperson,
Esteemed delegates and guests,
Dear ladies and gentlemen!

On behalf of the People and Government of Mongolia it is my humble honor to extend our congratulations to the United Nations Office for International Strategy on Disaster Reduction for successful organization of the World Third Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, and to express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Japan for hosting this event.

Ten years ago, by adopting Hyogo framework of action, we have made commitments to protect the people and achievements of the global development from increasing disasters, to build disaster resilient socio-economic system, and to implement global actions to reduce disaster risks and vulnerability.

I am confident that all countries, like our country, have made solid progress in implementing the Hyogo framework of action and gained huge knowledge and experience in disaster risk reduction, which we want to share during this conference in Sendai.

However, we still remain deeply concerned with the raising number of disaster frequencies, scope and socio-economic consequences of disasters happening in the world, particularly in the Asia and the Pacific as a result of climate change and loss of eco-balance.

Therefore, it becomes more vital for all of us to join our efforts to reduce disaster risks and to come up with the concrete solutions to overcome those challenges.

Ladies and gentlemen:

I would like to share with you some best practices of Mongolia.

In 2005, by the request of the Government of Mongolia, the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination team conducted the assessment of the national disaster preparedness capacity and proposed a set of recommendations. This assessment was the very first initiative made by a country to undertake an independent assessment of its national capacity. As a result of implementing these recommendations, we have reformed state policies and strategic planning of disaster management, and achieved significant progress in strengthening the national system of disaster risk reduction.

After Mongolia, nearly 20 countries have also had their national disaster preparedness capacity assessment by the United Nations team. I am truly delighted to note that the United Nations highly appraised this initiative of Mongolia as the best practice in disaster risk reduction.

In our country, we prioritize disaster prevention, and in this field, we have been able to set up an early warning system in highly populated areas, and to enhance the capacity of identification and early warning of potential hazards.

The gradual measures undertaken by the Government of Mongolia have also produced concrete results in enhancing the legal environment of disaster management system, mobilizing local communities in disaster prevention and disaster risk reduction, equipping people with skills of safe livelihood, and strengthening professional capacity of rescuers.

Yet, it needs to be emphasized that, regardless of our efforts and achievements, an increasing tendency of natural disasters and accidents calls on the urgency and necessity of deepening and expanding multilateral and multi-stakeholders' cooperation with the focus on promoting partnerships of public, private, training and scientific organizations.

On behalf of the Government of Mongolia, I propose the following issues to be included in the Post 2015 framework on disaster risk reduction:

1. Increase involvement of children and youth in disaster risk reduction
2. Reduce disaster exposure of women and social vulnerable groups.
3. Strengthen the educational system to equip the people with skills and knowledge of safe livelihood.
4. Enhance good governance of disaster management, and to expand cooperation of multi-stakeholders.
5. Mainstream Disaster risk reduction into the Sustainable Development Goal and Climate change adaptation.

Dear delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let us work together in our mission to successfully implement the Post 2015 framework and meet after 10 years with tangible achievements in disaster risk reduction!

I wish the best of success to the activities of the UN Conference and to the implementation of the Post 2015 framework!

Thank you for your attention!