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Mr. Chair,
Distinguished delegates,

Thank you for this opportunity to give feedback on UNICEF
Country Programme Document for Mongolia 2023-2027.

I'd like to thank Ms. Debora Comini, the UNICEF Regional
Director for East Asia and Pacific, for her presentation of the
country program document during the informal session of
UNICEF Executive Board.

I would once again like to thank UNICEF for the consultative
and inclusive processes in developing this programme
document for 2023-2027. The new CPD applies the principles
of leaving no one behind, national ownership and mutual
accountability. The proposed programme is well aligned with
the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation
Framework (UNSDCF) for Mongolia, 2023-2027, which is
closely aligned to the country's Vision 2050, the Government
Action plan 2020-2024 and will support national efforts to build
back better after COVID-19.

The cooperation of Mongolia with UNICEF is long-lasting, and we are thankful for UNICEF's kind support in advancing my country's social and development goals. The reinvigorated RC system and the UNCT (country team)'s contribution to my Government's response to and building back better after COVID-19 was efficient, coordinated and coherent.

My delegation welcomes that the UNICEF programming in climate change, energy, and the environment was strengthened, with a growing focus on promoting climate-sensitive infrastructure in WASH program, health, education and supporting young people as drivers of change.

As Mongolia is implementing the "One billion trees" Nationwide program, we look forward to more productive cooperation in tackling air pollution, land degradation, desertification, and climate change.

Education and digital divide should be a big focus as shifting to remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the digital divide among marginalized children and adolescents due to poor Internet connectivity: in Mongolia 44 percent of households in rural areas have no Internet access. I am confident that UNICEF initiatives such as GIGA will continue to help my Government improve connectivity in the remote areas of the country.

Youth employment is another priority for my Government and Generation Unlimited is a good example of how a public-private partnership could help create more opportunities for young people.

Mongolia has made significant progress in all three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social,

and environmental. Mongolia has made rapid economic growth and considerable progress towards achieving the SDGs in health, education, and social protection.

The Government of Mongolia remains strongly committed to advancing progress regarding the protection and promotion of children and their rights and to achieving the SDGs. We thus set up an institutional mechanism in the form of the National Council for Sustainable Development (NCSD) at the Government level and the Multistakeholder Council for Sustainable Development (MCSD) at the Parliament level to review the SDG progress and steer the alignment of national development with the SDGs.

Finally, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and as stated in her letter to UNICEF Representative (Mr. Evariste Kouassi-Komlan) in Mongolia, I would like to reiterate our full support and endorsement of the UNICEF Mongolia Country programme document 2023-2027.

I thank you.