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Madam President,
Distinguished Delegates,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Government and people of the Mexican United States for the warm hospitality and to the UNFCCC Secretariat for the excellent arrangements in this beautiful city of Cancun.

Madam President,

Since the Copenhagen Conference, we have witnessed that the adverse effects of climate change have made the existing socio-economic situation of the developing countries even worse. In the case of Mongolia, we experienced the 2009/2010 harsh winter, during which almost 10 million head, in other words, over 20 per cent of our livestock were lost and which deprived the only source for thousands of herder's livelihood.

As one of many countries excessively affected by climate change and its impacts, Mongolia is committed to make its contribution to the international efforts in mitigating and adapting to the climate change and its extreme consequences. With this purpose, on 27 August 2010, the Government of Mongolia held its special meeting on climate change in the Mongolian Gobi Desert, where the desertification is being accelerated due to the climate change, and issued a message addressed to the world community.

Madam President,

Considering that any delay in the negotiating process of establishing new agreements on climate change may result in unpredictable consequences, we strongly believe that the current UN Climate Change Conference here in Cancun should play a crucial role in advancing and concluding the needed agreements. Hence, we call for open-minded productive collaboration by all Parties in order

to remove the existing deadlock which insistently curbs our common genuine aspirations to undertake urgent actions to harness and reverse climate change.

Moreover, the concerted international efforts at both global and regional levels are equally vital for tackling climate change challenges. In this regard, I wish to inform that Mongolia initiated to organize a Northeast Asian Summit on Climate Change. Within this framework, Mongolia has organized series of preparatory meetings, including a ministerial level one, in 2009. However, this initiative to organize the above sub-regional summit is still pending due to the absence of a legally binding deal at global level. Therefore, the positive outcome at Cancun will undoubtedly galvanize our common efforts at global, regional and national levels.

Madam President,

Making progress in negotiating tracks towards a legally binding, balanced and concrete outcome at Cancun through the active participation of all Parties, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their specific social economic circumstances, is essential.

In conclusion, I would like to express our firm confidence and sincere hope that the Cancun United Nations Climate Change Conference will have a historical outcome which will lay down a sliding pathway towards the successful conclusion of legally binding agreements.

Thank you for your attention!