

MONGOLIA

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Social Development

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

The delegation of Mongolia would like to commend UNESCAP Secretariat for its fine efforts in bringing social issues at the same level with economic issues thus aiming sustainable and inclusive economic and social development for the region.

With the recent mining boom and current high economic growth, Mongolia became exposed to new social challenges even poverty and unemployment, social disparity and inequality remain major challenges.

Last year was "International Year of Co-operative" due to UNGA's decision. Mongolia started to take actions on it such as enabling legal environment for co-operative, conducting nationwide assessment of co-operative, organizing co-operative trainings and advertisements, launching "Rural Co-operative Campaign", providing soft loan program for co-operatives etc.

The Government of Mongolia has been recognizing that co-operative is appropriate way to overcome natural disaster, moreover economic and social challenges for the herders and encouraging them to work together as co-operative through approved law on stock exchange of the livestock raw material in the framework of the "Mongolian Livestock" national program.

Mongolia will effectively and actively cooperate with the member countries and international organizations for supporting co-operative movement, promulgating

the benefits and importance of the co-operatives to wider audiences and progressing co-operative movement into new stage.

Moreover , Mongolia seeks more intensified cooperation with UNESCAP for conducting projects on impact of ageing and the persons with disability, scoping economic evaluation to identify the perspectives for social protection sectors based on population, ageing, the persons with disability and rural development, improving social sector's statistical and IT capacity, increasing quantity and quality of social services for the elderly population and implementing related projects to enhance its quality and availability and furthermore implementing programs to introduce the third level education for the elderly people and their retraining.

Thank you for your attention.