

**STATEMENT BY MONGOLIA AT THE “7TH SESSION
OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT”**

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The year’s Session of the Committee on Social Development is taking place at a critical juncture for SDGs. The COVID-19 has been the largest global natural hazard in the last few decades and in the face of this pandemic the social protection has become central focus in the regional Governments’ policies. Mongolian Government remains fully committed to social protection and it gives me pleasure to share my country’s progress and learn other countries’ experience regarding social protection.

I am pleased to note that Mongolia to be selected as one of the first countries to implement a pilot project “Action Plan to strengthen regional cooperation on social protection in Asia and the Pacific”.

In order to realize the pilot, we are working to conduct national report on social protection and organize national consultation in cooperation with UNESCAP. Within this framework, an inter-sectoral Working group was established by a Decree of Minister for Labour and Social Protection with the aim to develop a national report.

In Mongolia, legislative framework of social protection was established and necessary service delivery mechanism is being institutionalized. As was mentioned earlier, until 1994, when Social Insurance Package Law and Law on Social Welfare was adopted in 1995, Mongolian social protection system was state subsidized.

Today our Government’s ultimate purpose to achieve in social welfare sector is to deliver state service to furthest left behind and cover the most vulnerable groups in order to secure their livelihoods. For this purpose, we are working to reform social protection system, which is customized in line with our national context.

Mongolia's current social protection system is aimed to grant pension and benefits in case of old age, sickness, temporary loss of working ability, disability, unemployment and survivors.

During the pandemic, we have taken quick responsive measures and delivers social welfare support through our existing social protection system to every citizen and as a result, there was relatively less negative impact.

Further, Mongolia is planning to strengthen social protection system in order to ensure population development.

Thank you.