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UPR INTERVENTION FOR MONGOLIA

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COC Nederland and "Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Centre" NGO of Mongolia

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Mr. President,

On March 10, 2011, the LGBT Centre of Mongolia submitted a Constitutional Amendment Proposal to the Standing Committee of State Structure of State Great Khural, or the Mongolian Parliament. In regards to the proposal, we wish to encourage Mongolia to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as health conditions and disability in its Constitution in order to ensure lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and other minorities, such as people with disabilities and people living with HIV/AIDS, enjoy equal rights and freedoms.

We thus commend Mongolia for accepting the recommendations made by Canada, Norway, Switzerland and United Kingdom to enact broad anti-discrimination legislation that explicitly prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. In the course of implementing this commitment, the Government of Mongolia should include civil society organizations in the development, execution and evaluation of such measures.

We also commend Mongolia for accepting recommendations by Spain and Canada to amend the provisions of the Criminal Code and to protect victims by defining hate crimes as crimes under criminal laws. We encourage Mongolia to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in its broader human rights and awareness-raising activities.

Furthermore, we encourage Mongolia to apply the *Yogyakarta Principles on the Application of International Human Rights Law in relation to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity* as a guide to assist in policy development. Lastly, we wish to encourage Mongolia to report progress made in the implementation of these recommendations to the Human Rights Council regularly.

Thank you, Mr. President.