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Mr. President,
Your Excellency, Minister Paolo Gentiloni,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to be here today.

I would like to begin my speech with gratitude to the Assembly of Parties of the International Development Law Organization for the unanimous acceptance and approval of Mongolia to the Establishment Agreement of IDLO.

My Government is grateful to the Director General of IDLO. Ms. Irene Khan for her generous efforts in facilitating Mongolia's membership of IDLO.

Mr. President,
Ladies and gentlemen,

As you probably know, in early 90-s of the last century, the Mongolian people made its choice from the Communist regime to democracy and market-oriented economy. The transition from one system into another one was made without bloodshed. We've conducted first democratic election in 1990 and adopted the democratic Constitution of Mongolia in 1992. Since then, we have achieved notable success in strengthening human rights and freedoms, rule of law and democracy. We've successfully chaired and hosted 5th International Conference of New and Restored Democracies in 2003. We've been elected as a chair of the Community of Democracy from 2011-2013 and organized the Ministerial Meeting of CD in Ulaanbaatar in 2013. We will take up the chairmanship of the Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance's Council of Member States in 2016. Also in 2016, we will conduct the 11th ASEM Summit. I believe that all the above mentioned activities of Mongolia are showing how the international community is recognizing achievements of our democracy.

In order to enhance Mongolia's visibility on the world stage, we should continue our efforts to make a contribution to promoting democracy and ensuring a more peaceful and prosperous world. In this regard, I wish to note Mongolia's recent successful bid for the UN Human Rights Council for the term 2016-2018, its participation in the UN peacekeeping operations, and the establishment of the International Cooperation Fund of Mongolia.

Mongolia has been visible worldwide for its unwavering commitments to strengthen human rights and foster democratic governance since we made a transition to democracy 25 years ago.

Mr.President,
Ladies and gentlemen,

As Mongolia gives a particular attention to strengthening its position in Asia and the Pacific region and securing a constructive participation in the political and economic integration process in the region, we seek to take an active part in the process of initiating dialogues and negotiations on the issues of strengthening regional security and creating a collective security mechanism. Hence, President Ts.Elbegdorj announced the “Ulaanbaatar Dialogue on Northeast Asia Security initiative” on 29 April 2013 to build confidence, foster mutual understanding, promote regional cooperation, and set up an institutional mechanism of dialogue in Northeast Asia.

Mr. President,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The IDLO has a long and notable reputation and history in the development of the law around the world.

IDLO has been working in Mongolia since 1998. The Government of Mongolia highly appreciate IDLO’s work to support the Mongolian judiciary with designing and delivering a series of training programs and by providing technical assistance with the first Bench Book for Mongolian judges. In 2012, IDLO implemented commercial law judicial training funded by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). In 2013, in corporation with the EBRD and with the Centre for Dispute Resolution IDLO established two commercial law mediation centres, in Ulaanbaatar and Darkhan, A small pool of high-quality mediators was established to assist parties to negotiate settlements to business disputes. In June 2014, IDLO started implementation of two-year capacity building program, to strengthen the enforcement of court decisions. The program aims to strengthen the legal framework for commercial law judicial decisions, to enhance the capacity of the General Executive Agency of Court Decisions and to train Court Enforcement Officers. Within this program in 2015, IDLO trained over 200 bailiffs from all Mongolian regions on effective ways to execute court decisions.

Mr.President,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Mongolia supports the principles of non-selectivity, universality and indivisibility of human rights and firmly believes that promotion and protection of human rights should be based on the principle of cooperation and genuine dialogue.

With this mind, we look forward to closer cooperation with IDLO and its member states in strengthening the rule of the law and improving access to justice.

Thank you Mr.President and thank you honorable delegates.