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Madame Chairperson,

First of all, I would like to congratulate the new Chairman of the Second Committee on his well deserved election. I extend also my felicitations to the other members of the Bureau. I am fully confident that under the able leadership of the Chairman, the Committee will accomplish its tasks successfully.

Madame Chair,

My delegation fully shares and associates itself with the statement made by distinguished representative of the Kingdom of Morocco on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and as well as the statement made by distinguished representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on behalf of the Landlocked Developing Countries. My delegation appreciates the thought provoking statement made by the Under Secretary General Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo on the challenges and opportunities of the global economy.

I would like to start by quoting from the statement made by our President in the General debate of the GA last week. "It is incumbent upon us to reaffirm anew at the highest level our shared commitment to implement the Millennium Development Goals and reiterate the importance of enhancing the role of multilateralism and the United Nations in addressing the formidable challenges of the 21st century".

My Government attaches importance to the full implementation of the MDGs and outcomes of the other United Nations major Conferences and Summits in the economic and social fields at national level.

Taking this opportunity, I am pleased to inform that the Government of Mongolia has adopted the National Strategy for Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction. The Strategy seeks to reduce poverty by ensuring higher economic growth and focusing on education, health and social welfare. The development of more efficient budgeting mechanisms and financial management as well as the implementation of the public sector reforms are important pillars of the Strategy. My Government has prepared the national implementation report on the MDGs, and is going to introduce the report to the General Assembly shortly.

Madame Chairperson,

International economic cooperation is, in our view, essential for sustainable growth of the world economy. Over the past few decades globalization has, on balance, brought tremendous benefits to the world and greater interdependence among nations. Such interdependence, in turn, calls for more closer international cooperation in order to make the world economic and financial integration more inclusive and beneficial for all the players.

International trade remains the most important pillar of a strategy to promote global growth and poverty reduction. The recent Cancun Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization revealed the complexity of the process. We believe that to reap the benefits of trade integration globally, a successful conclusion of the Doha Round on schedule is critically important to every nation.

The Government of Mongolia commends the outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transportation Cooperation. My delegation attaches utmost importance to the Almaty Programme of Action, the first global action plan negotiated at the ministerial level that provides a framework for cooperation between landlocked and the transit developing countries. We believe that effective and timely implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action will help landlocked developing countries to raise their economic growth and be actively engaged with trade partners in the world markets.

Madame Chairperson,

In our view, there has been some progress in raising Official Development assistance (ODA) levels since Monterrey. My Government considers it essential to further explore innovative ways to increase ODA and to accelerate progress towards meeting the MDGs. We believe that better aid coordination and multi-year commitments are key steps in making development assistance more effective.

Despite several initiatives undertaken over the last years by the international community, the debt crisis persists as one of the main constrains for the developing countries, especially those with development handicaps like landlocked and small island developing countries. We believe that there is a need for the international community, particularly the donor countries and international financial institutions to adopt an effective, comprehensive and equitable solution to that challenges.

The international community has set itself ambitious goals for sustainable development and the Johannesburg Summit gave new impetus to global action in promoting the integration of the three components of sustainable development-economic development, social development and environmental protection. We are of the view that development friendly decisions at global level and agreement on the shaper focus on implementation are of essential importance. We welcome the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund, which would contribute to national development efforts as well as to the achievement of the MDGs.

Madame Chair,

Mongolia shares the views that this Committee must ensure the follow-up to the United Nations major conferences and Summits through improvement of its program of work, taking into account the role and responsibility of the United

Nations with respect to the follow-up of the outcomes of the major Conferences and Summits.

Adequate monitoring and reporting mechanisms are important for the progress of the implementation of the development agenda. My delegation looks forward to the proposed High Level review and assessment of the implementation of the MDGs in 2005 as a good opportunity to register actual achievements in the regard.

In conclusion let me stress that our nations only by working together and cooperating with one another can succeed in achieving the comprehensive common goals that we assumed jointly.

Thank you.