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Your Excellency President Sir Suma Chakrabarti,
Distinguished Governors,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I am honored to address the 26th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) held here in the beautiful city of Nicosia. On behalf of the Government of Mongolia, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Government and the people of the Republic of Cyprus for the warm welcome and hospitality.

We would like to acknowledge EBRD and its staff for the good operational performance in 2016 and congratulate Sir Suma Chakrabati for launching the first Economic Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 at this year's Governors' Annual Meeting.

Although the global economy is gradually recovering, there are still remains challenges to ensure sustainability and inclusive economic growth across the region. Uncertainties and vulnerabilities still remain for the emerging markets, including developing member countries of EBRD.

Foreign direct investment from developed economies into developing and emerging economies are continuing to decrease, and prospects of increased financial inflow remain uncertain. Volatility of the commodity market presents serious challenges for natural resource exporting countries such as Mongolia in terms of maintaining macroeconomic stability and implementing the Government development strategies.

We believe the Economic Inclusion Strategy will allow EBRD, through its private sector operations, to engage more with developing and emerging economies to enhance economic and employment opportunities and support inclusive growth. We are confident that EBRD will continue to play an important role and take necessary actions to support the emerging economies in the most efficient and effective way possible to implement the Sustainable development goals and overcome challenges coming ahead.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to note that the Government of Mongolia has successfully concluded the program negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to overcome the current challenges, stabilize the economy in the medium term economic growth. Also, I would like to highlight that the Government has started taking policy actions to establish an investment and business friendly environment.

In this regards, we are confident that EBRD will continue to play it's prominent role in supporting the development of the private sector of Mongolia and being the bridge between Mongolia and the investor community. Furthermore, I would like thank the EBRD for it's contribution to the economy, investing in non-extractive private sector to diversify the economy, supporting the financial and banking sector to promote sustainable growth, and initiating the Local Currency and Capital Markets Initiative to deepen the development of local financial markets, reduce exposure to exchange rate risks and promote stability and sustainability in the financial sector. It is without a doubt that EBRD's commitment certifies investment potential of not only the individual companies but also of the Mongolian corporate sector as a whole.

Finally, please allow me to express my gratitude once again to the Government and the people of Republic of Cyprus for their hospitality, and to thank all the staff of EBRD for their commitment and hard work to support development of our countries.

Thank you.