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**STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. KHURELSUKH UKHNAA,  
PRESIDENT OF MONGOLIA AT THE GENERAL DEBATE OF  
THE COP26 WORLD LEADERS SUMMIT**

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Mr. President,  
Mr. Secretary-General,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

I wish to convey my heartfelt congratulations to the Government of the United Kingdom for hosting the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and wish every success to the work of the session.

It is universally acknowledged that in order to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement by 2050, every country needs to reconsider its efforts and strive together through a bold and comprehensive policy.

This challenging time when the humanity is facing the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic reminds us that we need to change our attitude towards nature and take bold and decisive measures to accelerate green growth.

Mr. President,

Mongolia, as one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, fully supports efforts of the international community to reach net-zero emissions and reaffirms its commitments to the Paris Agreement and to mobilize every possible resource to fulfill them.

Mongolia raised its target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, a main cause of climate change, to 22.7 per cent by 2030, through updating its Nationally Determined Contributions.

I am pleased to announce from this podium that there is an opportunity to increase our commitment to 27.2 per cent through introduction of advanced technology and innovation and increase of necessary funding.

Mr. President,

It is crucial to develop a cross border energy network in the Northeast Asian region in order to meet its growing energy consumption and enhance production of renewable energy.

Mongolia supports the Asian Super Grid Initiative for increasing renewable energy sources and improving energy supply in Northeast Asia. Within this framework, we are actively collaborating with the countries in the region to build a large energy complex based on the vast solar and wind resources of the Gobi region.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to underscore that Mongolia has successfully organized an International Dialogue on "Mongolia-Green Development" two weeks ago in Ulaanbaatar ahead of the COP26 Summit.

As a national contribution to combating climate change, Mongolia has launched a national campaign to plant billions of trees by 2030 in order to reach net-zero emission targets, reduce poverty or combat desertification through economic means, protect the health of children and women who are the most vulnerable to climate change, and improve overall quality of life.

Thus, Mongolia has decided to spend at least 1 per cent of its GDP annually to mitigate adverse effects of climate change and desertification.

Mongolians say "the source of life is water and the source of water is tree." We believe that the implementation of planting billions of trees initiative, which is the manifestation of our traditional culture to care for nature, will make a significant contribution to reducing dust storms that affect the ecology, health and economy of not only Asia, but also the Americas.

Mr. President,

Last but not least, I would like to emphasize the important role of a close regional and international cooperation in increasing capital inflows for low and middle-income countries to combat climate change.

Only our common understanding, collaboration, resolve and perseverance are utmost important to achieve our mission to fight climate change, the world's greatest challenge of all time, and have a responsible approach to nature and leave a greener world for our descendants.

It is time for the nations of the world to combine their efforts for this deed.

I thank you for your attention.