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AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MONGOLIA TO
THE UN**

**AT THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF
THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

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AT THE 56th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON
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(General discussions on the agenda item 3a, b)

Mr. Chair,
Distinguished delegates,

At the outset, let me to congratulate you and the Bureau on your election. My delegation is confident that you will skillfully lead this session to a successful outcome.

Allow me to share my experience, achievements and challenges in implementing the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and reflect on the recommendations made by the SG in his reports for this session.

Population, education and sustainable development are timely and pertinent to my country as the main sponsor of two GA resolutions on education (56/148 and 56/149). We are committed to ensuring a steady 6% median economic growth in the future.

The world population has reached 8 billion last November and is expected to surpass 9 billion around 2037 and 10 billion around 2058 according to DESA data. This is a testament to progress in health and sanitation sector but on the other hand the growing population poses significant challenge in social and economic development.

Our country has adopted a 6% median economic growth target for the future. We are committed to ensuring a steady 6% median economic growth in the future.

The Parliament of Mongolia will soon adopt the newly amended package of law on strengthening the connections between education with gender equality and the empowerment of women, human capital formation, economic growth and environmental sustainability.

With an estimated 3.4 million population, Mongolia is a largely youthful and dynamic country.

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Young people should be at the heart of social policy development and implementation. Investments in human capital are essential for development, including major investments to ensure universal access to high-quality education throughout the life course.

Progress towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4, on ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all, positively affects progress on many other Goals. Lifelong learning should be made available across the age range, including working-age adults and older persons, enhancing their employment prospects by teaching transferable skills.

In that regard, the Government of Mongolia