STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. ENKHBOLD VORSILOV, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MONGOLIA AT THE HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY MEETING OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO COMMEMORATE AND PROMOTE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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Mr. President,
Mr. Secretary-General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to extend our appreciation to H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, for convening this High-Level Plenary Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. Our appreciation also goes to H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The COVID-19 pandemic is still posing a great risk with new variants rapidly spreading around the world. I am confident that by convening today’s high-level meeting, we are demonstrating our determination and commitment in addressing this important issue for the international peace and security.

Mr. President,

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) is instrumental in achieving the objectives of the total elimination of nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons continue to pose a serious threat to humanity, thus the Treaty’s entry into force in January 2021 set a milestone in the international efforts in banning these disastrous weapons.

Mongolia actively participated in the negotiation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Our internal process towards ratifying the treaty is underway.

The Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) Review Conference has been postponed yet due to uncertainty surrounding pandemic situation. I am confident that the States Parties will utilize this time to renew its efforts in achieving the objectives of this landmark treaty. We do hope that the Review Conference of the NPT will be successfully organized and deliver productive results.
Mr. President,

Let me reiterate Mongolia’s commitment to maintaining international peace and security. As a responsible member of the international community, our Government has been pursuing an active policy within the United Nations and has been contributing to the promotion of its noble goals.

As a demonstration of our commitment to maintaining international peace and security, Mongolia declared its territory as a single state nuclear-weapon-free zone in 1992. Mongolia is serving as the coordinator of the fourth Conference of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia. I am confident that the Member States will work closely to achieve meaningful outcomes.

Mongolia is committed to a denuclearized Korean Peninsula and to the peaceful settlement of the outstanding issues through talks and dialogue. We believe that engagement of all the parties concerned is a key to settling any dispute. With that view, Mongolia initiated the Ulaanbaatar Dialogue on Northeast Asian Security eight years ago. Since then the Ulaanbaatar Dialogue has evolved into an important platform that discusses regional security prospects.

Mongolia is committed to achieving global peace and security without nuclear weapons and furthering the objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

I thank you.