

Your Excellency, the President of the General Conference,
Madam Director-General,
Excellencies, Members of the Executive Board,
Distinguished delegates,

Let me first and foremost congratulate Madam Audrey Azoulay for her election result as the Director General of the World's intellectual arms, and wish her the best of luck and success.

Let me also express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Madam Irina Bokova for her tremendous contribution to the strengthening of the peace and security around the globe during the past 8 years by respecting human rights, fundamental freedoms, justice and rule of law for the benefit of the human being, as well as strengthening the international cooperation through education, science and culture.

This year, we are commemorating the 55th Anniversary of Mongolia joining the UNESCO. Joining the UNESCO back in 1962 has helped us tremendously in achieving the proper development in the sectors of education, culture, science, information and communications. Our joint effort with UNESCO makes an invaluable contribution to the equal access to education, to the development of science, information and communications, to the protection of national culture, history, heritage and the environment, to the introduction of technological achievements, to the strengthening of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Over the past years we have witnessed the increase of global efforts against climate change. While appreciating this global effort, Mongolia, based on its commitment to the international community effort against climate change, has also adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Concept of Mongolia based on the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" adopted by the United Nations in 2015.

As with every other nations, Mongolia attaches great importance in preserving and protecting world heritages.

During past two years following the 38th Session of the General Conference, Mongolia has registered the wooden printing blocks of "Merged Garakhiin Oron" which is translated to English, Towards Attaining Wisdom, to the Asia Pacific Regional Memory of the World **and** "Landscapes of Dauria" in UNESCO's World Heritage List together with Russia.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank our Russian friends for the excellent cooperation on this nomination.

This year, we have signed and ratified with UNESCO the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between Mongolia and UNESCO through the years of 2016-2021.

On the international level, Mongolia hosted the 24th meeting of the International Hydrological Programme-Regional Steering Committee for South East Asia and the

Pacific Meeting **and** the Sub-Regional Meeting for Intangible Cultural Heritage Safeguarding in Northeast Asia on “The Role of the Media in Raising Awareness about Intangible Cultural Heritage” in collaboration with the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Mongolia in 2014, revised and ratified the Law on Protection of Cultural Heritage **in accordance** with the concepts and principles of UNESCO Conventions on the protection of Cultural Heritage.

With the support of UNESCO and Japan Funds-in-Trust, Mongolia successfully implemented the project “Capacity Building for the Sustainable Development of Mongolian Museums”, organized seminars and as a result published the “Museum Management” handbook and inaugurated the study hall in the “researcher – methodology centre” of the National Museum of Mongolia.

With the support of UNESCO and Korean Funds-in-Trust, Mongolia organized the “National Consultation Meeting and Workshop on Mapping of Cultural and Creative Industries in Mongolia”.

This meeting significantly improved the awareness of Mongolian authorities and knowledge of local cultural organizations.

Also with the support of UNESCO, and through the trust funds of Monaco, we have been implementing the project of capacity building, raise awareness project on preserving and safeguarding the tomb site of Shoroon Bumbagar in the mount Maikhan in Mongolia,

Therefore let me express the gratitude to UNESCO, Governments of Japan, Republic of Korea, Monaco and governments of respective countries who were involved in various projects.

We want to let the UNESCO and the member states to know that Mongolia fully remains committed to the UNESCO and its ideology and will further work towards the contribution of the organization’s efficiency and promoting its activities.

Ladies and Gentleman, I thank you all for your kind attention