

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Luvsantseren Enkh-Amgalan,
Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Mongolia, at the
General Debate on Parliamentary leadership in promoting
peace and development in the age of innovation and
technological change**

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Mr. President,

Excellences,

Dear colleagues,

I am very glad to represent my Parliament and my delegation from Mongolia in this session, where we all to discuss issues on Parliamentary leadership and political willingness in promoting peace and development in the age of innovation and technological change. The theme of the General debate is timely and crucial. The modern world is rapidly changing under the influence of uncertainty, development of science and technology, the Digital industrial revolution.

Today, we are here at this important time, when countries need to identify, select, plan, and develop technologies that meet current needs, to discuss innovation, its role and impact on the economy, to respond to questions on how to find a better solution for development.

Mr. President,

Mongolia is one of the early adopters of the national Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through adopting its Sustainable Development Vision in 2016. Innovation is a major part of the Sustainable Development Vision of Mongolia.

Innovation and technological change are at the top of Mongolia's development policy priorities. In order to encourage innovation and technological progress, the Parliament of Mongolia adopted an Innovation Law in 2012. And the Government of Mongolia implemented a Program to Develop National Innovation System as well as a State Policy on High-Tech Industry.

As a result of those policies, Mongolia came in the 53rd place in the 2018 Global Innovation Index (GII), which ranks 126 countries based on 80 indicators. This ranking emphasizes once again the importance of policy support as well as the need to improve the policy and legal framework relating to innovation and entrepreneurship. Therefore, our Government adopted a State Policy on Innovation which will support a knowledge-based society and economy.

Distinguished delegates,

Parliaments are to provide political will and leadership in promoting innovation and technological change. It needs not just adopt the laws and policy, but also provide all necessary follow-ups. In order to monitor the implementation of the related legislation, to direct the Government and other stakeholders for taking more effective actions. In this regard, the Mongolian parliament recently has established a Subcommittee on Digital policy.

Dear parliamentarians,

Taking this opportunity, let me announce that Mongolia has the honor of holding the Second Regional Seminar on the Achievement of the SDGs for the Parliaments in the Asia-Pacific Region in Mongolia, May 2019.

Once again, it is my pleasure to invite members of the Asian-Pacific region and all others in this Assembly having the interest to participate this seminar in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Let's build the piece and sustain the development by promoting innovation and technology and collaborate together **with the principles to leave no one behind and eliminate global digital divide!**

Thank you for your attention.