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Madame President,

Amnesty International welcomes Mongolia's acceptance of the recommendations to establish an independent mechanism to prevent or investigate cases of torture or other ill-treatment.<sup>1</sup> We ask for government action to ensure that victims have an enforceable right to redress and access to effective remedies in accordance with international human rights standards.

We also welcome Mongolia's acceptance of the recommendations to ensure the independence of the judiciary.<sup>2</sup> The 2019 law amendments that enabled the National Security Council to remove chief judges and head prosecutors must be withdrawn, in order to protect the judicial system against abuse for political purposes.

Madame President,

Amnesty International welcomes Mongolia's acceptance of the recommendations to consolidate legal protection for human rights defenders, and to ensure that they can freely carry out their activities.<sup>3</sup> The authorities should ensure that the adopted law provides effective protection to all human rights defenders in Mongolia regardless of their nationality, and against all attacks on them originating from within or outside the Mongolian territory. On a related note, we urge Mongolia to reconsider the

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<sup>1</sup> Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Mongolia, A/HRC/46/9*, 28 December 2020, recommendations 116.3 (Ukraine), 116.4 (Mexico), 116.49 (France), 116.50 (Indonesia), 116.51 (Maldives), 116.52 (Poland), 116.53 (Romania), 116.54 (Spain), 116.55 (Botswana).

<sup>2</sup> Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Mongolia, A/HRC/46/9*, 28 December 2020, recommendations 116.80 (France), 116.81 (Iraq), 116.82 (Japan), 116.83 (Peru), 116.85 (Czechia), 116.86 (USA), 116.87 (Brazil).

<sup>3</sup> Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Mongolia, A/HRC/46/9*, 28 December 2020, recommendations 116.13 (Ireland), 116.14 (Switzerland), 116.75 (USA), 116.76 (France), 116.77 (Germany).

recommendations to ratify the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, we welcome Mongolia's acceptance of the recommendation to secure economic, social and cultural rights, in particular the right to adequate housing.<sup>5</sup> We also ask the government to strengthen legal safeguards against forced evictions.

Thank you.

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<sup>4</sup> Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Mongolia*, A/HRC/46/9, 28 December 2020, recommendations 117.6 (El Salvador), 117.7 (Afghanistan), 117.8 (Canada).

<sup>5</sup> Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Mongolia*, A/HRC/46/9, 28 December 2020, recommendations 116.94 (DPRK), 116.96 (Poland).