## STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. ENKHBOLD VORSHILOV, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MONGOLIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE 76TH SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New York, 4 October 2021

Mr. Chair,

At the outset, let me congratulate you on your chairmanship of the Committee and other members of the Bureau on your elections. My delegation wishes you and your team a success in delivering this important duty during this difficult time. I assure my delegation's full support and cooperation.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Mr. Chair,

Mongolia confirms its full commitment to a nuclear disarmament, maintaining international peace and security and to the implementation of the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological Weapons Convention.

The NPT is the cornerstone of the nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament regime. Even though the conference has been postponed, I am confident that the States Parties will utilize this time and renew its efforts and commitments in achiving the objectives of this landmark treaty's three mutually reinforcing pillars, namely nuclear non-proliferation, disarmament and the right to peaceful use of nuclear energy. I hope that the upcoming Review Conference will deliver productive outcomes and have concrete recommendations on achieving nuclear disarmament.

Mongolia welcomes the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The Treaty subjects nuclear weapons to a comprehensive ban, hence, it is instrumental in achieving the objectives of the total elimination of nuclear

weapons. With this view, Mongolia continues its internal process of acceding to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). I am confident that the first Meeting of States Parties next year will have fruitful deliberations.

Nuclear-Weapon-Free zones are important for global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Mongolia is serving as the coordinator of the fourth Conference of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia. My delegation is looking forward to working closely with the Member States to achieve meaningful outcomes.

In September this year, the Conference on Disarmament (CD) concluded its 2021 session and adopted the annual report. It is commendable that the members of the CD is upholding their commitment in furthering the agenda. We hope that the members of the CD will continue its efforts next year.

Mr. Chair,

Mongolia is contributing to peace and security in Northeast Asia. The Ulaanbaatar Dialogue on Northeast Asia, initiated and hosted by Mongolia since 2014, has developed into a mechanism for facilitating talks, promoting mutual understanding and confidence-building. Its agenda has also expanded to cover both traditional security issues as well as energy, infrastructure, green growth, investment and humanitarian cooperation.

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate Mongolia's commitment to continue to contribute to our common goals towards international peace and security.

I thank you.