Statement by Amb. J. Enkhsaikhan of Mongolia in introducing draft resolution contained in document L. 49

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Mr. Chairman,

I gives me a great pleasure and honor to introduce on behalf of Australia, People’s Republic of China, France, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Morocco, United Kingdom, United States and of own delegation Mongolia draft resolution entitled “Mongolia’s international security and nuclear-weapon-free status”, as contained in document A/C.1/69/L.49.

The draft has been prepared based on the Secretary-General’s report on the implementation of resolution 67/52 and discussions held thereon. The Secretary-General reported on the activities related to broadening further the international recognition of the status and national implementation of Mongolia’s unique legislation on the issue. The report also dwells on the promotion of the non-nuclear aspects of the country’s security that includes economic, environmental, information, human and regional aspects of its security as well as cooperation and the assistance provided by United Nations entities in the above-mentioned areas. This was done based on the understanding reached ab initio and reflected in the previous resolutions that Mongolia’s status would be credible and effective if some other external security concerns are also addressed to some extent. Hence my delegation would like to take this opportunity to thank the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report.

The draft resolution is a result of consultations that this delegation had with the interested delegations and co-sponsors. It is based on the previous resolutions on the item adopted without a vote, with some technical up-dates.

Mr. Chairman,

Geopolitically, Mongolia borders on two nuclear-weapon states only. This widely recognized unique case needed equally unique approach. Hence Mongolia adopted a legislation clearly defining the status at the national level, which was welcomed by the international community, as reflected in UNGA resolution 67/52. Also, Mongolia introduced the issue at the General Assembly, which in 1998 welcomed Mongolia’s initiative and declared that its
internationally recognized status would contribute to regional stability and confidence-building. Ever since, the General Assembly has been supporting and welcoming Mongolia’s efforts to promote and strengthen the status.

The five nuclear-weapon states in 2012 signed a joint declaration, whereby they pledged to respect Mongolia’s status and not to contribute to any act that would violate it.

A broader approach to Mongolia’s external security and the pledge by the P5, including its two neighbors, to respect the status and not to contribute to any act that would violate it, constitute the specifics of the unique approach to Mongolia’s case.

By operative para. 9 of the proposed draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General and relevant United Nations bodies to continue to provide assistance to Mongolia in strengthening its external security and the nuclear-weapon-free status. When the resolution is adopted, Mongolia will be looking forward to continue to working with the Secretary-General and the relevant United Nations bodies in promoting some non-nuclear aspects of its security.

We would be more than happy if other delegations would join as co-sponsors of this resolution.

My delegation expresses the hope that the resolution would be adopted, as in previous cases, without a vote.

Thank you.