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The last few decades have been a turning point in the history of mankind, as the world embraced a new era of progressiveness and modernity. A great number of nations have come to realize the indispensable contribution of each individual citizen in the development of strong economies and institutions, and have made a commitment to seek and implement solutions to any threat posed to Human rights. Consequently, it comes with no surprise that the question of the status of women arises, as this demographic group’s struggles reflect deep flaws in government policies as well as social and cultural dynamics. Mongolia acknowledges the crucial role its female population plays in the social, economic and political spheres as well as the challenges the average Mongolian woman faces on a daily basis. The country seeks to invest further efforts into solving the obstacles which prevent their invaluable contribution to reach its greatest potential.

**Women and sustainability**

Mongolia recognizes the importance of women in the quest for solutions to the global environmental crisis and the construction of a sustainable economy. Women are the most vulnerable group to extreme climatic conditions, and often are the first victims of unexpected environmental crises. In Mongolia, an alarming number of single mothers are forced to provide for their families with no external support while being at the mercy of Mother Nature. Fortunately, Mongolian women are highly educated and, as active members of our society, are currently actively seeking short and long term solutions to such social and economic issues through the establishment of non-governmental organizations and other means. These aspirations need to be encouraged and supported by the government, as they target complex economic challenges within the country. Thus, the delegation of Mongolia seeks to increase the level of representation women get in the government and to offer an opportunity for them to make their voices heard and to work on further improving their conditions. Incentives encouraging women to pursue careers in politics and their insertion in some critical positions in the private sector ensuring more prosperous and sustainable economic developments are to be strongly considered. In behalf of all the women of its nation and the world, Mongolia is thus determined to work towards the further inclusion of women in the political sphere and the private sector, and to implement more sustainable economic policies, which may subsequently alleviate their burden.

**Elimination of gender-based violence**

After the fall of the Socialist State, the Mongolian population’s migration towards urban areas, inspired by the eroding government support in agricultural regions, created a great concentration of people living in poverty in big cities. As a result, there has been an increase in unemployment rates, leading to a rise in alcoholism, crime, domestic violence and prostitution. The delegation of Mongolia acknowledges these issues and believes that increasing public awareness, educating the population on these challenges, ensuring more financial autonomy among women through education, empowering women and building more institutions to offer aid and shelter to the victims of violence and abuse are viable solutions which should all be developed and implemented not only in Mongolia, but across the world. However, violence against women remains a mere symptom of much larger economic and social challenges, and the fight against violence will not be fruitful unless larger scale actions are taking conjointly.

**Women in Education and Employment**

In recent years, women have benefitted from more freedom of education and employment than ever before. The access to higher education has allowed many women to escape poverty and to bring their precious contribution to society. Unfortunately, a great number of families remain bound by their financial difficulties and are unable to afford such an education. Meanwhile, discrimination in the labour force is also a harrowing issue which many women are faced with across the world. Women are often denied jobs on the basis of their gender, or offered lower pays, as employers remain reticent to the idea of hiring workers whom may require maternity leaves or other special treatments which may hinder the companies’ productivity. These concerns are legitimized by the governments’ lack of intervention in fighting such discriminatory policies and protecting its citizens against these appalling inequalities. Mongolia recognizes that there is a great global issue concerning women in education and employment and seeks to further explore the causes which may give rise to this issue. These causes need to be understood and addressed publicly, as to raise awareness on the problem and educate the female population, whose rights the government should state and protect. Policies should also be adopted to help women in rural areas to get access to education and financial aid should be offered to low income families to enable their children’s full potential.