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*Your Excellency, Mr. Jose Graziano da Siva, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture
Organization of the United Nations*

*Your Excellency, Mr. Ambassador Wilfred J. Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson
Regional Representative,*

*Dear distinguished guests and participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Dear distinguished Ministers and participants of the 32nd UN FAO Asia and the Pacific regional conference on behalf of the Mongolian Government and from myself, I would like to extend sincere gratitude to you and welcome to our beautiful country.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Asia and the Pacific, where 60 percent of the world population reside, is becoming a developed region in the world with a rising population, and economic and trade development. I gladly note that the countries in this region have in recent years achieved great success increasing agricultural production, improving food supply, and reducing poverty. However, rising populations and economic development bring with them new challenges, such as climate change, soil erosion, desertification, natural disasters and emerging contagious diseases among the human and livestock populations.

A year from now, we are going to summarize the implementation of Millennium Development Goals. As FAO is a key implementing organization for the 1st goal of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG1), I have no doubt that the result of this year's Regional Conference will bring decisions of great importance to the development of this region.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the present time, Mongolian economic growth is rising, based primarily on the development of the mining sector. Except the mining sector, agricultural sector development is one of the important pillars of the economy.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the global population likely to reach 9 billion in 2050, the food production must increase by 70 percent. Our cooperation in the future plays an important role on providing safe and nutritious food to the ever growing global population. Our country has the great potential to deliver safe and nutritive food to the world market.

Mongolia has most ecological, healthy land and magnificent traditional experience on livestock which has adopted from our forefathers. Particularly, we have lived nomadically for many years', and it gave us the experience on how to process the meat, milk at any weather condition. For instance we have traditional way such as fresh mutton soup for new born lady, in the winter people using horse meat for their food, in the summer people using dairy products etc. Because of the our unique way of living Mongolian people is still healthy, strong, smart. I believe that the reason of the nowadays aging of Mongolian populations is declining, due to forgetting the traditional way of living.

However, everything has some difficulties, as a country with a population of 2.8 million people, with 43 million head of livestock. Therefore, If we harmonize experienced traditional potential within progress in modern world for agriculture. It is not only essential for our country but also essential for our region to primarily provide healthy and safe food to the population.

Currently, we are formulizing on the "Sustainable crop development program" within techniques, technology and capacity of employment for implementation of the program. Thus, not only the organic products increased crop production sector in Mongolia and also we have great opportunity to share them through global

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am certain that this year's Regional Conference will bring make a valuable contribution to the implementation of countries' integrated aims on providing safe and clean food for the population, on accelerating the regional countries' development, on finding ways to overcome common barriers and on strengthening the cooperation between regional countries.

I would like to wish the best of luck to this year's Conference.

Thank you for your attention. We will resist any positions, policies and programmes that undermine the rights of small food producers. We will strengthen our movements of small food producers to advance food sovereignty and gender justice.