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## **Mongolian Human Rights NGO Forum**

The Mongolian Human Rights NGO Forum (hereafter HR NGO Forum) was established in January 2010 in the wake of a training organized for NGOs as a preparation for Mongolia's participation in the first UPR cycle. Since then, HR NGO Forum has united in its ranks over 40 NGOs which have consistently worked to improve the human rights situation in Mongolia, promote and protect human rights. Within the framework of these efforts, and for the purpose of building consensus with government organizations regarding the recommendations received in the first UPR cycle, in 2013-2014, HR NGO Forum developed "Expected Outcomes from UPR Recommendations and Indicators for Measuring Their Implementation." In addition to this document included recommendations from other UN human rights mechanisms and bodies. For the purpose of energizing the implementation of UPR recommendations, HR NGO Forum has also organized regular consultative meetings among governmental and non-governmental organizations and engaged in advocacy work.

If initially HR NGO Forum was founded with the aspiration of effectively using UPR mechanism to improve the human rights situation in Mongolia, today it deals with a wide range of human rights issues, and has expanded to become a voluntary association, which unites the greatest number of human rights NGOs effectively cooperating on human rights issues, reminding the Government to respect, protect and fulfill its obligations regarding human rights, demanding rectification of shortcomings, as well as striving to make effective use of other UN human rights mechanisms.

Whereas in the first UPR cycle in 2010 HR NGO Forum prepared 9 reports for submission to UNHRC, this time we have prepared 10 reports covering such issues as legal reform, right to food, right to freedom of expression, right to freedom from torture, right to non-discrimination, right to live in a safe and healthy environment, right to land ownership, right to environmental lawsuit, and rights of persons with disabilities, artisanal miners and persons with HIV AIDS.