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**Item 6:
Consideration of UPR reports**

MONGOLIA

Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes Mongolia's engagement with the Universal Periodic Review, as well as its continued commitment to moving towards the abolition of the death penalty.

No executions have been carried out since 2009, and in January 2010, the President of Mongolia announced a moratorium on executions and commuted the death sentences of those who had appealed for clemency.

We are concerned, however, that the death penalty remains in the Criminal Code, even after the country's accession in 2012 to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at abolishing the death penalty. In line with recommendations accepted by Mongolia during the UPR, we urge the government to pass without delay the draft Criminal Code, currently pending before Parliament, which includes provisions for the abolition of the death penalty.¹

While the majority of countries in the world are moving away from this ultimate cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment, executions take place regularly in countries in East Asia. It is important that Mongolia to take this opportunity to provide leadership in

¹ Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Mongolia*, A/HRC/30/6, recommendations 108.2 (Namibia), 108.3 (Portugal), 108.62 (France), 108.63 (Australia), 108.64 (Italy), 108.65 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), 108.66 (Sweden), 108.67 (Slovakia), 108.68 (Montenegro), 108.69 (Lithuania).

the region by paving a clear path to abolition of the death penalty, including by amending its legislation once and for all.

Thank you, Mr. President.