# Human Rights Council 30th session

## **Item 6 – Adoption of the Report on the Universal Periodic Review of Mongolia**

Thank you, Mr President.

ISHR welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the discussion of the UPR review of Mongolia. We would like to express our appreciation for those States that provided timely, specific recommendations to advance civil society space in the country.

We urge Mongolia to fully implement accepted recommendations aimed at preventing and responding to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity[[1]](#footnote-1), and establishing effective protection for, and accountability for attacks against, LBGTI persons, including human rights defenders[[2]](#footnote-2).

We encourage the Mongolian government to continue to strengthen the independence and effectiveness of the National Human Rights Commission, including through provision of sufficient funds.

ISHR is joined by Mongolian transparency NGO OT Watch in calling on the Mongolian government to implement accepted recommendations in the area of corporate accountability[[3]](#footnote-3). Initiating a National Action Plan that includes significant input from civil society and defenders, and actively participating in the Voluntary Principles Initiative, are important steps toward respect for human rights in the extractives sector.

We are, however, concerned that some governmental efforts aimed at boosting transparency, including by the State Registration Authority, in fact have a negative impact on the operational environment for small, local organisations. We hope, in this regard, that the government will ensure that no regulatory measures are used to silence defenders or independent civil society.

We urge the Mongolian government to fully live up to its pledges and commitments, as a member of the Freedom Online Coalition and the Community of Democracies and an aspiring member of the Human Rights Council, to be a stalwart supporter of human rights and fundamental freedoms at the UN and at home.

Thank you.

1. UK 108.21, France 108.53, Slovenia 108.55, Timor Leste 108.56, Uruguay 108.57, Spain 108.58, Brazil 108.59, Netherlands 108.60 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Honduras 108.54 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 108.161-164 : Hungary, Netherlands, U.S., Switzerland. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)