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Excellencies, distinguished delegates, esteemed colleagues and friends,

Good morning and welcome to Mongolia.

It is my great honor and sincere pleasure to address you today at the ICAO Asia-Pacific Facilitation Regional Forum. On behalf of the Civil Aviation Authority of Mongolia and the broader aviation community of Mongolia, I extend our warmest greetings and deep appreciation for your participation.

This year carries special significance for Mongolia. As we celebrate 100 years since the birth of our civil aviation, we reflect on a proud century of determination to connect people and communities across vast distances. Today, aviation remains central to Mongolia's sustainable development, regional integration, and global engagement.

Dear colleagues,

In our interconnected and rapidly evolving world, air transport facilitation is no longer a background process. It is a strategic enabler of safety, efficiency, and resilience. It defines how our borders operate, how we protect public health, how we ensure secure and dignified travel, and how we maintain uninterrupted connectivity during times of crisis.

In recent years, the Civil Aviation Authority of Mongolia has partnered closely with ICAO to strengthen our facilitation systems. Our achievements include:

- Implementation of Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems for improved pre-arrival screening;
- Enhanced inter-agency coordination through the National Air Transport Facilitation Committee;
- Deployment of e-gates and digital processing technologies at Chinggis Khaan International Airport;
- Accession to the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD) and progress toward full compliance with MRTD standards.

These efforts mirroring the actions of many ICAO Member States and the principles shared earlier, demonstrate our shared commitment to the ICAO Traveler Identification Program (TRIP) Strategy and the "No Country Left Behind" initiative. Together, we are shaping an inclusive, forward-looking aviation ecosystem rooted in international cooperation and shared responsibility.

The Asia-Pacific region is home to the world's most dynamic aviation markets. With this growth comes a shared obligation to modernize and harmonize facilitation systems, to embrace innovation, digital identity, border automation, and artificial intelligence, while strengthening preparedness for cybersecurity and public health emergencies.

The sessions of this Forum will explore these themes in depth by addressing digital transformation, passenger data integration, document security, regional cooperation, and capacity-building. These are not merely technical issues. Indeed they are building blocks of a seamless, secure, and inclusive future for aviation in our region.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

We strongly believe that the discussions held here in Ulaanbaatar should not end when the Forum concludes. The outcomes must be captured, synthesized, and advanced through appropriate mechanisms. We therefore aim presenting the Forum's findings in a Working Paper to the 59th Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA/59) in September 2025, and exploring how they may inform the broader agenda of the upcoming ICAO Assembly.

Mongolia is committed to working with ICAO and Member States to develop a regional roadmap that promotes facilitation as a pillar of aviation progress built on efficiency, inclusivity, resilience, and innovation.

Let me conclude with a message that reflects our national aspiration and regional outlook: From Mongolia to the World: Seamless Skies Ahead.

May this Forum inspire action, forge new partnerships, and contribute to a more unified and resilient facilitation framework across the Asia-Pacific.

Thank you once again, and welcome to Mongolia.