

**Statement by Ambassador J. Enkhsaikhan, Governor of Mongolia,
at the IAEA Board of Governors Meeting on the
requirements for radioactive waste disposal**

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to thank DDG Mr. Taniguchi for briefly introducing the item and the revised document.

Like other states, Mongolia attaches great importance to the issues of nuclear safety and security, including disposal of radioactive waste.

My delegation notes that the revised draft of the Safety Requirements for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste, as contained in document GOV/2010/2 Rev.1, was endorsed in March 2010 by the Commission on Safety Standards (CSS).

In the original document circulated for the March meeting of the Board, in the part that described the types of disposal facility for radioactive waste a reference was made (in para. 1.17) to some cases of disposal of liquid radioactive waste and slurries by injection into deep geological formations. How can my delegation understand, Mr. Chairman, the removal without explanation of any reference to injection of liquid waste into deep geological formation: a). that no such type of disposal has taken place at all; b). that it was removed because it does not meet the requirements for containment established in this safety standard or c). both. A clear answer to this question is needed.

Otherwise, we agree with the action recommended for the Board. This Safety Requirements publication is very timely one, including for Mongolia as it contemplating to build a nuclear power plant and therefore it would need to develop a radioactive waste disposal facility on its territory. It would provide the necessary standard and guidance for our relevant bodies.