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Her Excellency Mrs. Tamila Barkalaya
Deputy Minister of Internally displaced persons from the occupied territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

Subject: Learning visit to Georgia of the delegation of Mongolia

With the warmest compliments of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (MLSP) of Mongolia, I am writing to request your Ministry to kindly host a learning visit for Mongolian delegation consisting of Members of the Parliament, the Parliament Secretariat Office and the State Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection.

The learning visit comes within the context of the World Bank-funded Fiscal and Financial Stability Project (2017-2021), the Social protection component that supports Mongolia's Social Protection system reforms to improve the equity and efficiency of its social assistance programs.

We believe that the learning event will be of crucial importance for strengthening the social assistance policy and practice in Mongolia given Georgia's successful reforms in designing and implementing efficient and effective cash transfers targeted to the poor and vulnerable.

Upon indication of your acceptance of the request, we may adjust the program in consultation with your designated staff, however, the main interest areas are poverty targeting (PMT) and its practical use in the social assistance system and beyond. More specifically, the delegation would be interested in:

1) Acquire an in-depth understanding of the Georgian Targeted Social Assistance programs and Social Policy (policy and legislation, eligibility, benefits, impact assessment mechanisms, methodology, the process of application and approval, as well as inspection methodology and procedures for sanctions, and governance management);

2) To explore the development of the strategy for linking TSA beneficiaries with employment activation services, focusing on linkages of targeted income support programs with activation and complementary services, and the other applicability of the TSA beneficiary databases (Unified Database of Socially Vulnerable Households - UDSVH) as well as the governance structure across government central and local social assistance institutions;

3) Gain a detailed understanding of the Proxy-Means Test formula and usage: Calculation of Household Welfare Index, Consumption Index (C), and the Needs Index (N), and other relevant estimation methodologies and its respective application, etc.,

We would like to propose dates of August 5-9 or 12-16, 2019 for the learning visit if that is acceptable at your end. The main reason for requesting for these time windows are connected to the Parliamentary recess, the commencement of the Fall session and

other important dates for the parliament members. So I would appreciate if you could please consider this request and host the delegation.

The MLSP is planning to revise its PMT methodology and the Social Welfare Law during the Fall session of the Parliament that starts from October 2019.

We strongly believe that learning from the Georgian experience would contribute greatly to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of protecting the poor and vulnerable in Mongolia.

We are looking forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and strokes, positioned above the printed name.

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