

# Society for Threatened Peoples

## Item 2

Madam Chair, distinguished members of the Forum,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to bring to your attention the issues and problems faced by the six million Mongolians in China. Madam chair, I would like to bring to your attention two major issues.

The first is China's new language policy called the "Second Generation Bilingual Education". Started in September 2020, this policy has aimed at the total eradication of Mongolian language from all educational systems and social life. Despite the region-wide mass protest by the Mongolians in September 2020, the Central Government of China forcibly implemented the policy and imposed a total ban of Mongolian language this September. Let me repeat it again: Mongolian language is completely banned in the so-called "Autonomous Region" and neighboring Mongolian-inhabited areas within the borders of the People's Republic of China.

"Speak Chinese and become a civilized person" is an official slogan running from TV programs to billboards, from cities to rural areas, publicly advocating "Chinese supremacy". Textbooks are completely converted to Chinese in all schools from kindergartens to colleges. Ignoring its own constitution and the Nationality Minority Autonomy Law, the Chinese Government announced that Chinese is the only official language in China; Mongolian books and publications are banned and removed from shelves; Mongolian scripts, signs and sculptures are taken down from streets, parks and buildings; even extracurricular learning and teaching of Mongolian is outlawed; Without making any formal amendment to the constitution, the Chinese National Congress announced that "education in minority language is unconstitutional".

Secondly, this sweeping campaign did not stop at the total erasure of Mongolian language. It is going further to wipe out the Mongolian culture and identity altogether in name of the "Firm Inculcation of the Chinese Nationality Common Identity". A region-wide mass training program has been launched immediately after the brutal crackdown of the Mongolian protest in 2020. From kindergartens to college students, from teachers to professors, from ordinary herders to party members, the entire Mongolian population is subjected to this massive training program. During the training, Mongolians are condemned for expressing their national feeling, condemned for singing Mongolian songs, wearing Mongolian clothes; Mongolians are condemned for not having enough number of Chinese friends, not being affectionate enough to the Chinese; not only Mongolian students and teachers are banned from communicating in Mongolian among themselves, but also the rural Mongolian herders are forced to speak in Chinese at home; Mongolians are forced to condemn their supposed "narrow nationalism" and embrace the "superior Chinese culture, Chinese language and Chinese tradition".

Madam chair, this is nothing but a cultural genocide, a form of genocide aiming at the total eradication of the entire Mongolian population and their distinct language, culture and identity.

Thanks you, Madam chair!