

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MONGOLIA AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (hereinafter referred to singularly as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties");

Guided by the principles of sovereign equality of states, enshrined in the UN Charter and 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations;

Mindful of the importance of cooperation between the Parties in further developing friendly and cooperative relations between Mongolia and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar;

Proceeding from the need for establishing a bilateral mechanism for regular exchange of views, consultation and coordination on mutually interested bilateral, regional and international issues:

Believing that the establishment of such mechanism would contribute to deepening of mutual trust and understanding, expanding the scope and upgrading the level of bilateral cooperation;

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

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Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to promote cooperation and implementation of joint programs and activities and to enhance bilateral communication on issues as may be mutually agreed upon, through diplomatic channels.

Article 2

Level and Content

The Parties shall establish and hold regular consultative meetings at a Vice-Ministerial level to discuss issues related to promoting and strengthening the overall cooperation between the two countries in various areas, including political, economic, cultural, social, education and other fields of bilateral cooperation, as well as international issues of mutual interest.



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Scope of Cooperation

- At the consultative meetings, the Parties shall exchange views on bilateral and international issues and developments of common concern;
- The Parties shall provide a framework of cooperation in the field of education and training for diplomats of both countries, by means of exchanging of curricula and organizing of the diplomatic courses;
- The Parties shall, within their competence, look for new forms to further develop relations between the two countries in every field and at different levels.

Article 4

Frequency and Venue of Consultative Meetings

- The Parties shall mutually determine and agree on the dates, venue, and agenda of the consultative meetings, which may be held alternately in Ulaanbaatar and Nay Pyi Taw, or on the sidelines of multilateral meetings such the United Nations General Assembly ("UNGA") and the ASEAN Regional Forum ("ARF");
- Each Party shall bear their respective expenses for participation in the consultative meetings, including round trip transportation and accommodations;
- 3. If the consultative meetings are held in either Ulaanbaatar on Nay Pyi Taw the host Party shall bear the cost of internal expenses, which may include accommodation, meals and local transportation, as mutually agreed upon on a case by case basis, of the head of the delegation and an agreed number of officials of the other Party;
- 4. If the consultative meetings are held on the sidelines of multilateral meetings, expenses incurred for setting up the meeting, including but not limited to setup costs for the venue of the meetings shall be borne by each Party on a rotating basis;
- The Parties may set up working groups or expert meetings in order to discuss specific priority issues of common interest.

Article 5

Resolution of Differences

Difference concerning the implementation or interpretation of this MOU shall be settled amicably through consultations between the Parties.



Article 6 Status

The MOU is not intended to be legally binding and does not create any legal rights or obligations under international laws. It shall not in any way affect the rights or obligations of each State under international treaties to which that State is a party.

Article 7 Final Provisions

- This MOU shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of five (5)years;
- After each term, it shall be extended automatically for another five (5)
 years unless either Party notifies the other Party in writing of its
 intention to terminate this MOU six months prior to the expiration of the
 term;
- This MOU may be amended at any time upon mutual consent of the Parties in writing through exchange of diplomatic notes;
- Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time by giving a written notification to the other Party of its intention to terminate the MOU six months prior to the intended date of termination.

DONE in Nay Pyi Taw on this ______day of August 204 in duplicate in the Mongolian, Myanmar and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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