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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON POLICY CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MONGOLIA

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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants");

Guided by the principles of sovereign equality of states;

Mindful of the importance of cooperation between the Participants in further developing friendly and cooperative relations between the Republic of the Philippines and Mongolia on the basis of the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter;

Recognizing the importance of consultations and exchange of views on bilateral and international issues of mutual interest;

Wishing to establish and further facilitate mutually beneficial cooperation;

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1
Purpose
The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to promote cooperation and implementation of joint programs and activities and to enhance communication and coordination on issues as may be mutually agreed upon, through diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 2
Composition
The Participants will establish and hold regular policy consultations at vice--ministerial level on bilateral and international issues of mutual interest.

Paragraph 3
Frequency and Venue of Consultations

- The Participants will mutually determine and agree on the dates, venue, and agenda of each round of consultations, which may be held alternately in Manila and Ulaanbaatar.

- The Participants will bear their respective expenses for participation in the meetings, including round trip transportation and accommodations.

- The host Participant will bear the cost of internal expenses of the head of the delegation and an agreed number of officials such as accommodation, meals and local transportation, as mutually agreed upon.

- By mutual agreement, expert working groups may be formed to consider specific or urgent matters.

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Paragraph 4
Scope of Cooperation
At the policy consultation meetings, the Participants will exchange views on bilateral and international issues and developments of common concern, with particular focus on economic matters.

Paragraph 5
Consultations
Differences concerning the implementation or interpretation of this MOU will be resolved through consultation.

Paragraph 6
Status
The MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations under international law. It will not in any way affect the obligations of each state under international treaties to which that state is a party.

Paragraph 7
Final provisions

- This MOU will come into effect on the date of signature.

- This MOU will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. It may be extended for a similar period, suspended, or terminated upon 60 days written notice by either Participant.

- This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.

Done in Manila this 11th day of October 2018 in the English language.

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FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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