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ANNEX

Decision of the EU-Mongolia Joint Committee establishing the specialised working group on Development Cooperation and adopting its Terms of Reference

THE EU-MONGOLIA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part, ('the Agreement'), and in particular Article 56(4) thereof, and to Article 10(1)(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the EU-Mongolia Joint Committee,

Whereas:

(1) In order to assist the EU-Mongolia Joint Committee in the performance of its tasks and in that regard allow for expert level discussions on the key areas falling within the scope of the Agreement, a specialised working group on Development Cooperation should be established.

(2) According to Article 8(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the Joint Committee may decide to adopt decisions by means of a written procedure, if the circumstances so require,

(3) This Decision should be adopted in order for the specialised working group to become operational in a timely manner.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

The specialised working group on Development Cooperation is hereby established. The Terms of Reference of the specialised working group as set out in the Annex are adopted.

Done at ,

For the EU-Mongolia Joint Committee

The Chair

ANNEX

Terms of Reference of the specialised working group on Development Cooperation established under the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part

Article 1
Composition, chair and objective

(1) The specialised working group on development cooperation shall be composed of representatives of the Union and Mongolia at an appropriate level and shall be co-chaired by a representative of the European Commission service in charge and by a representative of Mongolian service in charge.

(2) The objective of this specialised working group is to review and discuss the EU-Mongolia development cooperation portfolio, in particular relevant developments in projects and programmes as well as sectoral issues and policies linked to priority areas of the Multi-Annual Indicative Programme for Mongolia.

Article 2
Meetings

(1) The specialised working group shall meet annually, preferably before the meeting of the Joint Committee. Meetings shall be held, unless mutually agreed otherwise, in Mongolia, on a date fixed by mutual agreement. Additional meetings of the development cooperation working groups may be held at the request of either Party, if the Parties so agree.

(2) If the Parties agree, the meetings may be held by means of video-conference.

Article 3
Delegations

(1) Both Parties shall inform each other of the intended composition of its delegation before each meeting.

(2) Co-chairs, in agreement with the Parties, may invite experts or representatives of other bodies to the meeting to act as observers or to provide information on a particular subject. The Parties shall agree on the terms and conditions under which those observers and representatives of other bodies may attend the meetings.

Article 4
Information to the public

(1) The meetings of the development cooperation working group shall not be public, unless otherwise agreed with both co-chairs. When a Party submits information designated as confidential to the development cooperation working group, the other Party shall treat that information as such.

(2) The development cooperation working group may issue statements and reports to the public as it deems appropriate.

Article 5
Secretariat

A representative of the European Commission service in charge and a representative of the Mongolian service in charge shall act jointly as Secretaries of the development cooperation working group.

Article 6
Agendas for meetings

(1) The draft agenda shall be jointly discussed and agreed by the two sides at least three weeks before the date of each meeting.

(2) The final version of the agenda shall be approved by the co-chairs at the start of the meeting.

Article 7
Minutes

(1) The conclusions of the meetings shall be agreed by the co-chairs. In case where no conclusions can be reached, the difference shall be reported to the Joint Committee.

(2) The co-chairs (or their representatives) shall present the main conclusions to the Joint Committee.

(3) The Secretaries shall jointly draw up draft minutes, preferably at the end of the meeting and at the latest 30 calendar days after the date of the meeting.

(4) After agreeing by both parties, the minutes shall be approved by written procedure.

Article 8
Decisions

(1) In accordance with Article 10(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Committee, the development cooperation working group shall have decision-making powers as a specialised working group. It shall report to the Joint Committee on its activities after each meeting, and may make recommendations to the Joint Committee.

(2) Decisions of the development cooperation working group shall be entitled 'Decision of the…' followed by a serial number, the date of their adoption and a description of the subject matter. Each decision shall state the date on which it enters into force.

(3) Where circumstances so require, the specialised working group may adopt its decisions by written procedure.

(4) Decisions of the specialised working group shall be established in two authentic copies, each signed by both co-chairs.

(5) The Parties may publish the decisions of the specialised working group in their respective official journals.

Article 9
Expenses

(1) Each Party shall bear the expenses it incurs in relation to its participation in the meetings of the specialised working group, with regard both to staff, travel and subsistence expenditure and to postal and telecommunications expenditure. Each Party shall bear the expenses it incurs in connection with interpretation at meetings and translation.

(2) The Party hosting the meeting shall bear the expenses in connection with the organisation of meetings and reproduction of documents.

Article 10
Amendment of the Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference may be amended by common agreement of the Parties. In accordance with Article 10(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Committee, the Joint Committee may also amend the terms of reference of the specialised working group.