

**Minutes**  
**from the first meeting of the Polish-Mongolian Joint Commission**  
**for Economic Cooperation**

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Polish-Mongolian Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (hereinafter "Commission") was held on 24 June 2014 in Ulaanbaatar.

The delegation of the Republic of Poland was headed by the Chair of the Polish Section of the Commission, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Dariusz Bogdan, while the delegation of Mongolia was headed by the Chair of the Mongolian Section of the Commission, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of Mongolia, Mr. Ochirbat Chuluunbat.

The compositions of the Polish and Mongolian delegation constitute Appendices no. 1 and 2.

The Commission noted that the meeting is held on the basis of the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of Mongolia on Economic Cooperation*, signed in Warsaw on 21 January 2013, and the Rules of the Commission, signed in Ulaanbaatar on 21 October 2013.

The Commission was satisfied that the execution of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between Mongolia and the European Union on 30 April 2013 and its entry into force will significantly contribute to further development of Polish-Mongolian economic cooperation.

In accordance with the adopted agenda, the following issues were discussed at the meeting of the Commission:

**1. State of Polish-Mongolian economic cooperation.**

1.1. The parties emphasized that Polish-Mongolian economic relations were characterized by a positive dynamic which was reflected in direct contacts on various levels and enterprises implemented towards their further development. Year 2013 was very important for Polish-Mongolian political and economic relations. Among the most important events in mutual economic relations, the Parties noted:

- The official visit of the President of Mongolia, Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj in Poland on 20-22 January 2013, during which a series of bilateral agreements were signed, including the agreement on economic cooperation between both countries which entered into force on 4 June 2013, and during which both Presidents participated in the Poland-Mongolia Economic Forum.
- The visit of the President of the Republic of Poland, Bronisław Komorowski, in Mongolia on 21 October 2013, during which the Poland-Mongolia Business Forum, involving over a hundred representatives of Polish and Mongolian entrepreneurs, was held. The Forum was visited by the Presidents of the Republic of Poland and Mongolia who gave speeches regarding perspectives for the development of Polish-Mongolian economic cooperation.
- The visit of the Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland, Bogdan Borusewicz, in Mongolia in May 2013 and the economic missions of the Marshal of the Wielkopolskie Voivodeship in April and September 2013.

1.2. The Parties exchanged information on the economic situation and emphasized that dynamic development of both countries will favour the intensification of trade and investment cooperation between Poland and Mongolia.

### 1.3. Cooperation in the area of trade and investments.

Having regard that in the opinion of the parties, the level of mutual trade turnover (in 2013 trade turnover was 63,7 mln USD) still remains far from potential needs and capabilities of both countries, the Commission recommended further actions in favour of their development, in particular in the area of promotion and information exchange, support for the development of relations between entrepreneurs of both countries.

The Polish side stated that Mongolia was included in the *Export Activation Programme* being implemented by the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Poland, the main objective of which is the intensification of cooperation with Mongolian partners, and extended a proposal for cooperation with institutions relevant in this scope. The Programme allows for inbound and outbound missions, to and from Poland, of entrepreneurs interested in establishing or extending trade relations. The Polish side will provide detailed information at a later date.

The Commission listened to the Polish side's proposal and confirmed the validity of undertaking measures in this field.

The Commission noted that the Economic Forum, organized by the Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency and the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry was held on 23 June of this year, with Polish and Mongolian entrepreneurs participating. During the Forum the Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency signed the *Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation* with the Invest Mongolia Agency and the Polish Chamber of Commerce signed *Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation* with the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The Polish side extended to the Mongolian side proposals for cooperation of Polish companies, featured in a catalogue, for the Mongolian side to explore.

The Polish side is interested in acquiring information on announced tenders, planned investments and other economic enterprises in which Polish entrepreneurs could participate.

The parties considered it advisable to intensify works as regards the legal and treaty framework.

The Commission noted that entrepreneurs postulated for the fastest possible establishment of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Mongolia, as – in a situation of dynamically growing trade and investment cooperation – it will favour the implementation of economic enterprises being undertaken. The Polish side declared active participation of the Trade and Investment Promotion Section at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Beijing – until such time as the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Mongolia is opened – in enterprises fostering the development of mutual economic cooperation.

The Mongolian side informed that the Government of Mongolia intends to build kindergartens and schools on concession agreements and invited Polish companies with energy efficient modular housing technology to participate in this process.

## **2. Cooperation in the field of finance and banking.**

2.1. The Commission acknowledged that on 13-14 February 2014 in Ulaanbaatar negotiations were held with respect to the agreement on extending a tied aid credit. During the negotiations the draft Intergovernmental agreement was agreed and initialed, as well as it was agreed that the Polish government's tied aid credit in the amount of EUR 50 million will be earmarked for financing projects in the field of agriculture, including food processing, infrastructure, including deliveries of machinery, education and environmental protection.

Mongolian side informed that the domestic procedure for the approval of the draft of agreement is still underway. Furthermore Mongolian side is interested in implementing projects in the field of precast construction as well as in the area of sugar beet processing and agricultural machinery assembling factories.

2.2. The Commission noted the current support for the activity of Polish exporters on the Mongolian market in the form of providing insurance protection under export insurance guaranteed by the State Treasury in regard to the food, pulp and paper, furniture and woodworking as well as building materials industry.

2.3. The Commission welcomed the information that Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK) enables the importer, as part of the implementation of the "Financial Export Support" programme, to obtain funds towards the payment for services/deliveries performed by the Polish exporter. The Polish side informed that BGK is interested in financing transactions on the Mongolian market both directly and through Mongolian banks satisfying the requirements of the "Financial Export Support" governmental programme.

2.4. The Commission noted the intensive cooperation of the National Bank of Poland (NBP) and the Bank of Mongolia (BM) under the technical assistance programme, implemented by the NBP towards the central banks of countries undergoing an economic transformation. In 2013, numerous projects were implemented as part of this cooperation, including seminars, workshops and a study visit, devoted to various aspects of the central bank's activity. The Commission also noted the willingness of the National Bank of Poland and the Bank of Mongolia as regards further cooperation in the scope of sharing experiences and know-how.

2.5. The Commission noted that within the framework of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the settlement of Mongolia's debt to Poland, signed in Ulaanbaatar on 9 November 2006 the scholarship programme for years 2007-2017 for Mongolian students undertaking education in Poland and the programme of scientific studies conducted by research workers from Poland within the territory of Mongolia, in particular towards geological studies are successfully implemented.

## **3. Cooperation in the field of transport.**

3.1. The Commission notes the interest of the Polish side in road transport to Mongolia. Due to the economic growth of Mongolia and the existing demand for investment, it is natural for the transport services market to undergo significant development. The establishment and gradual development of cooperation and exchange of authorizations would be beneficial for both parties. In light of this Mongolian side proposed to conclude in the future an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of Mongolia on International Transport by Road.

A part of Polish transport companies is currently conducting transport to Mongolia using the fact of accession of the Mongolian side to the TIR Convention. The Commission acknowledged the

information from road carriers regarding difficulties in the scope of transport in the transit of goods due to problems connected with the application of the TIR Convention by the transit country.

3.2. The Mongolian side informed the Polish side that it was conducting tests on using modern road construction and maintenance technologies offered by joint Mongolian-Polish company. Further potential usage of these technologies would depend on test results and suitability to Mongolian conditions.

3.3. The Commission notes that the cooperation in the field of rail transport is conducted based on the Agreement on International Goods Transport (SMGS) under the Organization for Cooperation of Railways (OSJD), of which both countries are members.

3.4. The Mongolian side expressed its desire to expand its cooperation with Poland in railway sector. Especially the Polish experience in modernizing its railway sector as well as the variable gauge system, its construction and usage is of great interest for Mongolian side. Furthermore Mongolian side noted its interest in receiving technical support at reforming standards and legal environment of this sector, training specialists as well as establishing direct cooperation of Transport University of Mongolia with the similar Polish colleges and universities.

3.5. The Commission notes the proposal of the Polish side regarding the intensification of cooperation of rail carriers in the organization of transport from Asia to Europe using, among others, the large transport and logistics potential of Grupa PKP CARGO S.A., which is based on held licenses and certificate as well as the multi-functional service provided at the junction of 1520 and 1435 mm gauge, including also terminals and logistics centres within the territory of Poland.

#### **4. Cooperation in the field of energy and environment.**

4.1. The Commission notes that the development of the energy sector is faced with challenges related to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, while at the same time having to maintain the competitiveness of economies and stability of energy prices. A substantial part of the energy generated in Poland is coal-based, which creates a forum for bilateral cooperation in such areas as clean coal-based technologies or energy efficiency.

Poland is actively participating in the discussion regarding the EU 2030 climate and energy package. However, we believe that the priority should be to maintain the high competitiveness of the EU and Polish economies and to create new jobs. Therefore, the priority is to maintain the role of coal in the energy mix, thus ensuring energy security and low energy prices. We focus on technologically-advanced and cost-effective solutions – including those that influence the demand.

The Polish side is willing to share the legislative acquis as regards norms related to energy efficiency. Moreover, it possesses broad knowledge and a variety of good practices related to the modernization of coal-plants as well as capabilities to deliver equipment and specialist machinery.

4.2. The Polish side presented a proposal to intensify cooperation in the field of environmental protection on the basis of the government project under the name "Green Technology Accelerator" (GreenEvo), aimed at international transfer of technologies supporting environmental protection. Under the project, the best Polish solutions were chosen, including waste treatment technologies, hazardous waste processing technologies and solutions supporting the use of renewable energy sources, such as machines producing bio fuel briquettes and solar collectors.

## **5. Cooperation in the field of agriculture.**

5.1 The Commission noted that the cooperation in the field of agriculture constitutes an important area of economic cooperation between both countries.

5.2. The Commission acknowledged that the following health certificates have been bilaterally agreed:

- for poultry meat and poultry meat products exported to Mongolia,
- for bovine animals for breeding and production exported from the Republic of Poland to Mongolia.

5.3. The Commission acknowledged the information regarding works being conducted between the General Veterinary Inspectorate in Poland and the General Agency for Specialized Inspection of Mongolia as regards agreeing on the health certificate for milk and dairy products exported to Mongolia. Based on the remarks regarding the certificate submitted by the Mongolian side, the Polish side will provide its position on this matter through diplomatic channels immediately upon the completion of internal deliberations.

5.4. The Polish side stated its willingness to establish cooperation between the Breeding and Insemination Centre (SHIUZ) in Bydgoszcz and a relevant institution in Mongolia in the area of production and distribution of bull semen, boar semen, queen bees as well as deliveries of embryo-transfer animals.

5.5. Having regard to the interest of the Mongolian side in establishing cooperation in the area of sugar beets, fruit and vegetable cultivation as well as agro-food processing (expressed during the visit of the Vice-minister of Industry and Agriculture of Mongolia in Poland), the Polish side is willing to consider the proposal of the Mongolian side in this regard.

5.6. The Mongolian side proposed to co-establish a demonstration farm on sugar beets, fruit and vegetable cultivation, a study and research center. This center would support capacity building programs for Mongolian agriculture experts in Poland. The Polish side agreed to reconsider this proposal.

5.7. Having regard to the interest of the Mongolian side in establishing an assembling factory of agriculture machineries (expressed during the visit of the Vice-Minister of Industry and Agriculture of Mongolia in Poland), the Polish side is willing to consider exporting its machineries, equipment and tools for soft conditions.

## **6. Cooperation in the field of mining and mining industry.**

6.1. The Commission noted the signing of the *Declaration between the Minister of Economy of the Republic of Poland and the Minister of Mining of Mongolia on cooperation in the mining and mining machinery sector* during the visit of the President of the Republic of Poland in Mongolia on 21 October 2013. The Declaration allowed for the intensification of joint pro-development measures and constitutes an element supporting the commencement of long-term cooperation on a scientific, technical, engineering and trade level in the mining sector.

6.2. The Commission noted the interest of the Mongolian side in Polish technical and engineering solutions in the field of mining industry and mining machinery sector. The Polish side confirmed interest in cooperation with the Mongolian side in this regard and stated that the mining machinery sector is one of the priority branches of the Polish economy. It covers a wide spectrum of coal getting machinery, mechanized sections, (belt and scraper) conveyors, machinery used to transport

people and materials, devices ensuring safety (methanometers, carbon dioxide sensors, escape respirators), drilling equipment, electrical wiring, transformers, pumps, work clothing and others. Moreover, Polish research institutes offer design services, specialist laboratory tests and assistance in the modernization and construction of mining infrastructure.

6.3. The Polish side stated that under the Export Activation Programme implemented by the Ministry of Economy, which includes Mongolia, it is possible to organize an inbound mission to Poland with the objective of getting acquainted with the Polish offer regarding the mining industry and the mining machinery sector.

6.4. The Mongolian side requested to organize exchange of copies of reports of all geological surveys conducted by Polish geologists on the territory of Mongolia in the 1960-1990's from the relevant authorities of both countries, if it is not contrary to the concluded adequate agreements. The Polish side will reconsider this request.

6.5. The Polish side requested the Mongolian side to examine the possibility for the Mongolian side to issue a note on the acceptance of the report from the completion of the 3rd stage of works of a group of Polish geologists, titled *"Periodic report from geological works in the Khasagath region for year 2013"* or to provide information, in the form of a note, on the reasons as to why it is unable to accept such report in relation to the implementation of the *Understanding between the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Mongolia on the implementation of the "Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of Mongolia on the settlement of Mongolia's debt to Poland", signed in Ulaanbaatar on 9 November 2006.*

The Mongolian side noted that the outstanding amount of debt earmarked toward the programme of scientific research has been fully repaid. Furthermore the Mongolian side confirmed the receipt of the report for year 2013 and requested to complete the field work by Polish side and submit the final report to be evaluated in the meeting of the Mongolian Professional Mineral Council before 31 December 2014.

## **7. Cooperation in the field of health and social protection.**

7.1. The Commission noted that the cooperation between the Ministries of Health of both countries has much room for improvement and that the possibilities stipulated in the Protocol of cooperation between both Ministries should be fully utilized.

7.2. The Polish side requested for a position of Mongolian side concerning the draft of Cooperation agreement submitted by the Office for Registration of Medicinal Products, Medical Devices and Biocidal Products of the Republic of Poland. The Mongolian side explained that the proper institution to sign this agreement will be established in due time.

7.3. The Commission acknowledges that the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing - a leading research institute in Poland (category A+) and a highly specialized hospital providing complex care for persons with hearing, voice, speech, balance and breathing disorders, is interested in establishing scientific and clinical cooperation with Mongolian medical units in the following fields:

- organization of a pilot hearing screening programme for children in select schools in Ulaanbaatar or other city;
- possibility of participation in surgical training organized cyclically at the World Hearing Centre as well as in live surgeries and conferences;

- support in patient care and consultations for patients with complicated otolaryngological disorders by developing telemedicine;
- implementation of scientific projects the results of which will be presented in joint publications in national and international trade journals.

The Institute is willing to sign the *Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation* with the Ministry of Health and relevant Mongolian institutions.

7.4. The Commission emphasized the importance of establishing the Agreement on social security between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of Mongolia. The Mongolian side informed that the text of agreement submitted by Polish side is just under elaboration.

## **8. Cooperation in the field of education and science.**

8.1. The Commission notes that on 21 January 2013, during an official visit of the President of Mongolia, Mr. Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj, in Poland, the new *Programme for cooperation between the Minister of Science and Higher Learning of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of Mongolia in the field of higher learning* was signed. The new Programme extended the possibility of studying for Polish and Mongolian students free of charge.

8.2. The Mongolian side expressed its interest in signing the cooperation documents between the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Education and Science of Mongolia.

8.3. The Mongolian side is interested in cooperating in the area of vocational training and training teachers of primary and secondary schools and proposed to work out long term cooperation program.

8.4. The Mongolian side is interested in learning from the Polish experience in modernizing its national education system and cooperating with Polish side to introduce education for democracy into its secondary education curricula.

8.5. The Mongolian side is interested in reviving cooperation in the field of ethnography and paleontology.

8.6. The Mongolian side expressed its interest in signing the cooperation documents between the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism of Mongolia and would like to send students to the Polish universities in the field of art and culture within the framework of such document.

## **9. Cooperation in the field of the small and medium-sized enterprise sector.**

9.1. The Polish side requested the Mongolian side to indicate the institution whose scope of activity is similar to the scope of activity of the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (PAED). The Polish Agency for Enterprise Development states that it is open to any proposals of cooperation from Mongolian partners that are within the Agency's competencies. PAED proposes the execution of an appropriate understanding on cooperation with the relevant Mongolian institution.

9.2. The Commission noted that mutual cooperation could be based on the organization of joint seminars, meetings, conferences with the participation of representatives of enterprises and institutions supporting the development of entrepreneurship from both countries.

9.3. The Polish side encouraged the Mongolian side, especially the agriculture and packing companies, to participate in the international cooperation stock exchange organized by PAED during the POLAGRA on 30 September 2014.

9.4. The Polish side encouraged the representatives of the Mongolian administration and business environment institutions to participate in the 4th European Congress of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises which will take place in Katowice on 22-24 September 2014.

## **10. Cooperation in the field of tourism.**

10.1. The Commission listened to information regarding the current state of development of cooperation in the field of tourism between both countries. Available statistical data shows that the level of exchange oscillates at around a thousand persons a year in each direction, which does not meet the reception capabilities of both countries.

10.2. Having regard to the importance of tourism for economic development, the Commission recommended for further measures, aimed at increasing tourist exchange, to be undertaken.

This objective is well-served by:

- participation in trade fairs and tourist exhibitions;
- organization of study visits for tour operators and journalists;
- information and promotional activities.

## **11. Miscellaneous**

11.1. The Commission deemed it necessary to activate cooperation in the field of certification, conformity assessment and testing of goods. On the Polish side, such measures were undertaken in 2014 by Polskie Centrum Badań i Certyfikacji S.A., a unit certifying management systems and goods, which extended a proposal in this regard to the Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology. The Mongolian side declared to activate relations between both these institutions.

11.2. The Polish side invited the Mongolian side to participate in the 14th Economic Forum in Krynica which will take place on 2–4 September 2014. The central topic of the Forum will be: "Post-crisis World. The Time of New Leaders".

11.3. Based on the mutual understanding on cooperation between the Employers of the Republic of Poland and the Mongolian Employers' Federation (MONEF) signed on 23 January 2013 in Warsaw, the Polish side informed and invited the Mongolian side to participate in the International Conference "From Transformation to Globalization" planned to take place on 27-28 November 2014, which will accompany the Jubilee for 25 years of Employers of the Republic of Poland. The conference will be directed towards the promotion of Polish economy and exploration of new possibilities for the cooperation of Polish entrepreneurs with foreign partners in the area of export and investments. The conference will be attended by entrepreneurs and representatives of employers' organizations from all over the world as well as by representatives of international organizations.




The parties agreed to conduct the second meeting of the Commission in Warsaw. The date and agenda of the meeting will be agreed through diplomatic channels.

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## **Appendix no. 1**

### **List of Polish delegation for Polish – Mongolian Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (Ulaanbaatar, 24th June 2014).**

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#### **Delegation:**

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Ministry of Finance,
8. Mr. Jerzy Bayer                      Counsellor to the Minister,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
9. Mr. Krzysztof Hordyński                      Counsellor to the Minister, Ministry of Economy,
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## **Appendix no. 2**

### **List of Mongolian delegation for Mongolian – Polish Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (Ulaanbaatar, 24th June 2014).**

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#### **Delegation:**

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