

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF MONGOLIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DEFENSE

The Government of Mongolia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as "Parties");

Confirming their commitment to the Charter of the United Nations;

Desiring to enhance co-operation in the field of defense;

Sharing the common understanding that mutual co-operation in the field of defense will enhance the relationship between the Parties,

Have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 PRINCIPLES AND AIMS

Cooperation between the Parties, in accordance with the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual interest, and in conformity with their respective domestic legislation and international treaties to which each Party is a member, to encourage, facilitate and develop co-operation in the field of defense.

# ARTICLE 2 GENERAL COOPERATION

#### 1. Fields of cooperation

Co-operation between the Parties may provide the following fields of implementation:

a. Common national security concerns and defense policy;

- b. Research, experience sharing and development in logistics and defense industry cooperation;
  - c. Humanitarian operations and UN peacekeeping operations;
- d. Exchange of information in the field of defense in accordance with Article 4 of this Agreement;
  - e. Education and training in the military field;
  - f. Environmental issues related to pollution caused by military activities;
  - g. Military medical service;
  - h. Military history;
  - i. Military sports and culture;
  - j. Other military fields that may be of mutual interest to both Parties.

#### 2. Modalities of cooperation

The co-operation between the Parties on defense matters may be possible through:

- a. Defense Policy Dialogue (DPD) mechanism at the level of State Secretary of the Ministry of Defense of Mongolia and Deputy Minister of Defence of Viet Nam;
  - b. Exchange of military delegations at all levels (including friendship delegations);
- c. Professional experience exchange on basics of the Parties capabilities and demands;
- d. Participation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and peacekeeping operations' training;
  - e. Exchange of sports and cultural activities;

#### 3. Mechanism of cooperation

- a. On the basis of this Agreement the Parties may sign implementing arrangements military cooperation, as well as elaborate annual and long-term plans of bilateral co-operation in the defense sector, which will determine venues, dates and the number of participants and modalities of implementation of the cooperation activities.
- b. The organization and conduct of concrete co-operation activities in the Defense field will be carried out by the Ministry of Defense of Mongolia and Ministry of National Defence of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.
- c. Implementation programs that will give effect to this Agreement or its supplementary protocols shall be elaborated, developed and implemented by the Ministry of Defense of Mongolia and the Ministry of National Defence of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam according to mutual interests, in close coordination with both Ministries of Foreign Affairs for the aspects concerning classified information of both Parties, where applicable.

#### ARTICLE 3 FINANCIAL MATTERS

All activities carried out under this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds and agreement between the Parties in specific cases.

#### ARTICLE 4 SECURITY OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Security of classified information is carried out under the Agreement between the Government of Mongolia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on mutual Protection and Exchange of Classified Information signed in July, 2019.

## ARTICLE 5 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute regarding the interpretation of application of this Agreement shall be resolved through direct consultation between the Parties, through diplomatic channels.

## ARTICLE 6 BINDING REGULATION

Implementation of this Agreement shall not influence, create and terminate rights and obligations of the Parties in accordance with international law.

# ARTICLE 7 AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMMES

- 1. With the consent of both Parties, the Agreement may be amended and supplement in specific areas of co-operation involving military and civilian establishments, under the terms of this Agreement. Amendment and supplementary are conducted by exchanging notes between the Parties through diplomatic channels; amendment and supplementary protocols are integral parts to the Agreement.
- 2. Amendment and supplement have to be in accordance with national procedures and shall be restricted to the purposes of this Agreement without contradicting the respective national legislations.

## ARTICLE 8 DURATION AND TERMINATION

- 1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day from the date of receipt of the notification by the other Party of the completion of its necessary procedures required for the entry into force and will remain in effect for an initial period of five (5) years, and at the end of this period will be automatically extended for successive periods of five (5) years unless either Party notifies the other Party of its termination.
- 2. The termination by a Party shall be notified to the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels, and shall be effective ninety (90) days after the receipt of the notification by the other Party. The validity of the Article 4 on information protection continues in accordance with the national laws of the Parties even if the effect of this Agreement is terminated.

3. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect any on- going programs and activities under this Agreement, unless otherwise decided by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MONGOLIA

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