

**PROTOCOL
OF THE NINTH SESSION OF
TURKEY-MONGOLIA
JOINT ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMITTEE**

Turkey-Mongolia (*hereinafter referred to as the "Turkish Side", "Mongolian Side" or "Both Sides"*) Joint Economic and Trade Committee (*hereinafter referred to as the JETC*) established in accordance with the "Agreement on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and Mongolia" signed on May 29, 1992, held its ninth session in Ankara on November 15-16, 2021.

Turkish Delegation was headed by H.E. Süleyman SOYLU, Minister of Interior of the Republic of Turkey and Mongolian Delegation was headed by H.E. Saikhanbayar GURSED, Minister of Defense of Mongolia. The lists of the members of the two delegations are attached as Annex I and Annex II, respectively. Turkey-Mongolia JETC Action Plan is also attached as Annex III which lays out the actions envisaged with this Protocol. The draft Action Plan within the scope of the "Memorandum of Understanding signed between SMED Fund and KOSGEB" is attached as Annex IV. Mongolian Side's proposal for a "Memorandum of Understanding between the MASM and TUBITAK UME" is attached as Annex V.

During his visit, H.E. Saikhanbayar GURSED, Minister of Defense of Mongolia, met with H.E. Süleyman SOYLU, Minister of Interior of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Mehmet MUŞ, Minister of Trade of the Republic of Turkey and H.E. Hulusi AKAR, Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Turkey.

Both Sides expressed their appreciation for the "Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia concerning Cooperation in the field of Military History, Archives, Museology and Publications", signed on November 15th, 2021.

The meetings and discussions between Both Sides were conducted in a cordial atmosphere based on their desire to further strengthen and develop bilateral economic and commercial relations for their mutual benefit.

At the Plenary Session of the JETC, Both Sides reviewed the developments and trends in overall economic and trade relations between both countries, and discussed new ways and means to promote and enhance the bilateral trade and investment relations.

During the technical meeting and the Plenary Session of the JETC, various issues of mutual interest were discussed and the results of these deliberations are summarized as follows:

1. Trade Relations

Both Sides reviewed the developments in their bilateral trade and confirmed that the current level of trade volume was below their economic potential and there is more room for improvement in bilateral trade relations for mutual benefits.

Aiming to increase the trade volume between Turkey and Mongolia, and desiring to diversify the composition of bilateral trade, Both Sides expressed that they will launch

explanatory talks in the first half of 2022 in order to initiate a Preferential Trade Agreement negotiations between Turkey and Mongolia.

Both Sides also agreed to establish Trade Working Committee (TWC) in the first half of 2022 that serves as a platform to follow up agenda items in bilateral trade and technical issues. Both Sides agreed that the TWC could establish sub-committees and working groups for technical purposes.

2. Training Program for Foreign Trade

Both Sides expressed their pleasure over training seminar on free trade agreements and the Turkey - EU Customs Union experience which delivered by Turkish Side in Ulaanbaatar from April 25-27, 2018 and in Ankara 3-4 July, 2019 upon the request of Mongolian Side.

Turkish Side stated its willingness to provide technical training for the WTO issues, and trade related matters and any trade related area that might be requested by Mongolian Side. Mongolian Side expressed its gratitude to Turkish Side for its readiness to provide technical training.

3. Investment Relations

Both Sides underlined the importance of investments in the development of their bilateral relations. In this respect, Both Sides expressed their willingness to renew the "Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia Concerning Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments" signed on March 16, 1998.

To this objective, Turkish Side recalled that it submitted the draft "Agreement on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments" during the 8th JETC meeting.

Turkish Side requested Mongolian Side's comments on the draft Agreement as early as possible.

Turkish Side noted that, the Investment Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey is ready to provide services to Mongolian companies who are eager to invest in Turkey.

4. Business Cooperation

Both Sides reiterated the need to enhance cooperation in the exchange of trade and investment delegations, business forums and promotion of partnerships between business people, facilitated by the respective national business membership organizations of the two Sides.

In this framework, Both Sides stated that Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEİK) and Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI) in Mongolia, should look for the opportunity to organize Turkey-Mongolia Business Forum Meeting in collaboration in 2022.

Both Sides agreed to organize promotional activities on investment potential of Turkey and Mongolia especially on construction, trade, agriculture, transportation/logistics and tourism.

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with establishment of Turkish-Mongolian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mongolian-Turkish Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Turkish Side informed that the first Turkish-Mongolian Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting was held virtually on April 22, 2020. Both Sides encouraged the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Turkey and Mongolia to hold meetings on a regular basis.

The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) expressed its readiness to share know-how and experience in order to enhance the service capacity of Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

TOBB also expressed its readiness to organize sectoral trade delegations especially on leather industries as well as agriculture, mining and food production.

5. Agriculture

Recognizing the importance of the MOU between the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia and the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey on Cooperation in the field of Agriculture, signed on April 06, 2018, Both Sides agreed to establish an Agricultural Steering Committee with a view to monitor and review the implementation of the cooperation as detailed in the MOU.

Noting the positive tendency within the export volume of animal intestines from Mongolia, Both Sides agreed to harmonize quarantine and health requirements in order to facilitate export of animal hides, skins and intestines from Mongolia to Turkey.

Both Sides agreed to cooperate in the aquaculture trade with a view to expand their agricultural trade volume.

Turkish Side stated its desire for Mongolia's joining to the Central Asian and Caucasian Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission (CACFish) Agreement, which was established with the contribution of Turkey as a joint mechanism for sharing the existing experiences on aquaculture and sustainable use of natural water resources among Central Asian and Caucasian countries. Mongolian Side stated it will review the proposal of joining the CACFish Agreement and inform of its decision in due course.

Both Sides expressed their willingness to encourage their private sector organizations to promote their products to each other in order to explore export potentials. Turkish Side, in due course, underlined dried fruits, citrus fruits, tomatoes, peppers, grapes, figs, hazelnuts, apricots, tea, olive oil, dairy products, poultry meat among others, as potential products. Mongolian Side expressed its potentials of exporting processed seabuckthorn products, leather, baby camel hair/down, yak hair, wool, cashmere products, meat and food by-products and processed meat products.

Turkish Side expressed its willingness to carry out projects about best animal selection in large and small ruminants, animal breeding techniques in farm conditions, biotechnological applications in reproduction (embryo transfer and artificial insemination), registration, protection and development of animal genetic resources in

Mongolia. Turkish Side expressed to give education on the issues mentioned above in 2022.

Both Sides agreed to expand cooperation in the field of veterinary and quarantine and hold a virtual meeting between veterinary and other relevant organizations in the near future.

Both Sides agreed also to increase their cooperation by sharing mutual technical experiences, plant production, expert exchange on livestock research and development.

6. Cooperation on Free Zones

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with the “Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Turkey and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia regarding Cooperation in the field of Free Zones” signed on January 21, 2021 in Ankara.

Turkish Side expressed its appreciation for the study visit made by a Mongolian delegation headed by Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Amarsaikhan SAİNBUYAN to İstanbul Industry and Trade Free Zone on September 19, 2021 within the framework of the MoU.

Both Sides noted that activities to be carried out in the context of the signed MoU would create a basis for establishing a long-term collaboration in the field of free zones and contribute to bilateral trade and investment relations.

7. Energy and Mining Cooperation

Both Sides agreed to explore cooperation possibilities in the fields of energy and mining sectors and “energy transition”.

Turkish Side expressed its intention to cooperate with Mongolian Side on decarbonizing the energy sector by increasing the share of renewable energy, especially wind and solar. Turkish Side also expressed its readiness to provide regulatory and technical assistance to Mongolian Side in renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors.

Both Sides agreed to encourage their private sectors to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency in both countries.

Both Sides agreed to cooperate in hydrocarbons for investment opportunities which include establishing new energy infrastructures and expanding and renovating the existing facilities.

Mongolian Side requested to cooperate in implementing small and medium scale hydropower plant and pumped storage hydropower plant projects planned to be built in the central region of Mongolia.

Turkish Side stated that “Turkish Electromechanic Industries Company (TEMSAN)” is ready to consult about the needs of the power plants projects of Mongolia in particular designing, manufacturing and supplying of electro-mechanic equipment. Turkish Side also expressed its willingness to encourage the private sector organizations to promote and develop hydropower projects in Mongolia.

Both Sides agreed to cooperate in the field of geological sciences through National Geological Survey of Mongolia and General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration (MTA) of the Republic of Turkey.

8. Transportation

Turkish Side expressed its readiness to initiate the feasibility study by the Technic Inc. of Turkish Railways for establishing a freight car factory in Mongolia.

Mongolian Side welcomed the interest of Turkish Railways in initiating cooperation in railway fields and expressed its readiness to explore all possibilities of developing bilateral ties in railways including implementing joint railway projects, encouraging business partnership between railway companies and establishing effective railway connection between Both Sides.

Referring to the significance of developing cooperation in the field of civil aviation, Both Sides expressed their satisfaction regarding Turkish Airlines' direct flights to İstanbul-Ulaanbaatar launched in 2020 and emphasized that the resumption of these flights as soon as possible without any Covid-19 related limitations would contribute to the commercial relations and economic development of Both Sides.

Both Sides noted that with the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2019, direct flights have become possible with the increase of seat capacity. Direct flights were launched on January 2020 and continued until March 11, 2020, when all scheduled flights stopped due to Covid-19 pandemic. With the gradual easing of the travel restrictions and positive results of vaccination efforts in Mongolia, the direct flight arrangements between İstanbul-Ulaanbaatar will be resumed according to the agreed schedule /3 weekly frequencies/ starting November 21st, 2021.

Both Sides agreed to hold consultation meeting about the increasing of the frequencies and cargo services between aeronautical authorities in 2022.

Both Sides also noted the mutual consensus on the regulation of air services related activities are carried out through the consultation and negotiation between the aeronautical authorities of both countries as stipulated in the Air Services Agreement.

9. Industrial Cooperation

Turkish Side stated its willingness on exchanging of information and experience in the field of organized industrial zones with Mongolian Side.

10. Leather and Leather Products Industry

Turkish Side expressed its willingness to provide consultancy, training activities and planning services to support efficient conservation of high Mongolian livestock capacity, efficient use of natural resources, production of value-added products from animals' hides/skins, development of eco-friendly innovative leather and leather products with high quality and green label.

Mongolian Side requested the implementation of joint projects and programs to benefit from Turkey's experience in leather processing and textile production and increase the capacity of light industry's human resource development.

Mongolian Side encouraged the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) to establish a joint gelatin factory in Mongolia, using animal hides and skin for better economic and environmental impacts.

11. Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

Both Sides expressed their appreciation of collaboration for SMEs under the Memorandum of Understanding which was signed between KOSGEB and SMED Fund (Small and Medium Enterprises Development Fund) on April 6th, 2018.

Both Sides decided to initiate and conclude negotiations on the preparation of an Action Plan within the scope of the “Memorandum of Understanding signed between SMED Fund and KOSGEB” by the end of 2022. Turkish Side submitted the attached draft Action Plan to Mongolian Side as Annex IV.

Mongolian Side expressed its request to cooperate in the field of industrial cluster and technology transfer.

12. Tourism

Both Sides will strengthen and develop mutual cooperation in the field of tourism, promotion and encourage cooperation between their official tourism authorities and other institutions and organizations operating in the field of tourism.

Both Sides agreed to finalize the draft of the “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Mongolia on Cooperation in the field of Tourism” and make ready for signature as soon as possible.

Turkish Side agreed to support Mongolian Side in determining the basic logistics needs and in carrying out the feasibility studies by sending experts for the tourism complex project around the Ugi Lake in the Orkhon Valley, in 2022.

Mongolian Side expressed its willingness to present the details of the reconstruction of international airport in Kharkhorin city to Turkish investors with aim of encouraging people-to-people relations during next Turkey-Mongolia Business Forum Meeting.

13. Science and Technology

Turkish Side proposed to establish a working group in the field of the technology entrepreneurship ecosystems in which Both Sides will exchange information, discuss cooperation opportunities and carry out the following cooperation activities:

- Developing project-based cooperation in the field of technology entrepreneurship and sharing eligible projects and good practices;
- Encouraging cooperation between venture funds and increasing mutual investments in ventures;
- Implementing studies to develop cooperation that will enable enterprises to access the relevant country markets;

- Sharing information on institutional supports; infrastructure, accessible financing and opportunity-providing policy tools.

Turkish Side invited Mongolian Side to participate in TEKNOFEST, held every year in September, via which cooperation in the defense, aviation and space industries of Both Sides will be established.

Both Sides expressed their intention to sign the “Protocol of Scientific & Technological Cooperation” between the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK) and the Ministry of Education and Science of Mongolia.

14. Culture

Both Sides shall improve cooperation in order to prevent and prohibit the illicit import, export, transit and transfer of ownership of the cultural property, including return and restitution of cultural property that are illegally removed from their country of origin.

Both Sides shall encourage the translation and publication of classical and contemporary literary works from their own language to the other.

Both Sides will accelerate the efforts to renew the draft “Memorandum of Understanding for Cultural Cooperation”, which was initiated with the aim of developing and strengthening cultural cooperation, and make it ready for signature.

Both Sides agreed to encourage the cooperation in the fields of conservation and restoration of cultural and historical heritage and promote the exchange of technical information, experience and experts.

Both Sides expressed their intention to establish their cultural centers reciprocally.

15. Labour and Social Security

Both Sides welcomed the entry into force of the “Agreement between Mongolia and the Republic of Turkey on Social Security” as of March 1, 2021 and agreed to intensify its implementation.

Mongolian Side expressed its interest to expand cooperation of the relevant state organizations in the field of occupational safety and health, exchanging experts, mutual learning from previous and ongoing experience, conducting training for trainers.

16. Youth and Sports

Both Sides agreed to sign an “Agreement between the Government of Mongolia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on Cooperation in the Field of Youth and Sports” in 2022.

Youth

Both Sides agreed to organize exchanges of youth and experts for the purpose of developing relations between Both Sides in the field of youth, getting to know each other

closely, strengthening friendship between them, reinforcing intercultural learning and sharing experiences in the field of youth.

Both Sides agreed to invite in each other to international youth events such as youth festival, youth forum, youth summit, youth camp.

Both Sides will support artistic and cultural joint activities in order to contribute for developing policies supporting the personal, social, cultural and artistic development of Both Sides in the field of youth.

Both Sides decided to establish and support youth employment and vocational training programs.

Both Sides agreed to carry out voluntary exchange programs considering the support of social, cultural and artistic activities and volunteering activities.

Both Sides agreed to carry out activities for increasing awareness of youth on national, spiritual and cultural heritage of Both Sides and encourage those activities.

Both Sides agreed to exchange information, documents and publications in youth-related fields.

Both Sides expressed their readiness to support the development of institutions and organizations working in the field of youth.

Sports

Both Sides agreed to exchange experts and share experience on issues such as the organization of sports competitions, sponsorship, promotion of women in sports, sports safety, prevention of doping in sports and sports tourism.

Both Sides expressed their readiness to share athlete training (Olympic, elite, infrastructure) policies and experience on screening, training, orientation, organization management and informatics activities within the scope of "Turkey's Sports Talent Screening and Sports Orientation Programme".

Both Sides expressed their readiness to strengthen the cooperation of stakeholder institutions (local governments, non-governmental organizations, public institutions, universities, etc.) in sports management.

Both Sides agreed to carry out joint studies on the training of sports managers.

Both Sides expressed their readiness to exchange experience of good practices in order to increase efficiency in the field of managing and operating sports facilities and sports clubs.

Both Sides agreed to establish a mutual communication mechanism between their sports federations and clubs, organization of joint sports competitions by the national sports federations.

Both Sides also expressed their willingness for inviting experts to meetings, conferences, trainings, seminars and academic forums on sports-related issues.

Both Sides decided to exchange coaches, sports delegations and experts in relation to sports and physical education and their applied sciences and to share information and

opinions on matters related to sports and physical activity and other related fields of mutual benefit.

Both Sides expressed their willingness to support the exchange of experience and organize public health education programs, physical culture events and sports.

Both Sides agreed to promote their collaboration in the areas of sports medicine, science and research.

Both Sides expressed their readiness to support mutual organization and participation in the national sports games, festivals and joint competitions.

17. Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation

Both Sides agreed to start cooperation between the National Metrology Institute of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK UME) and Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology (MASM). Mongolian Side provided a copy of its proposal on the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the MASM and TÜBİTAK UME (as an Annex V.) during the 9th Session of the JETC meeting which will also be conveyed through diplomatic channels.

Both Sides agreed to finalize the “Action Plan for Standardization, Conformity Assessment and Training for the Term of 2022-2026” to implement the “Agreement on Cooperation between Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology (MASM) and Turkish Standards Institution (TSE)” signed in 2001, in 2022.

The Halal Accreditation Agency expressed its willingness to share information with and to conduct trainings for relevant Mongolian institutions in the field of halal accreditation and halal quality infrastructure upon request.

Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology expressed its interest in receiving training activities in the relevant halal accreditation and halal certification fields. Turkish Side also expressed that a draft Cooperation Protocol in the fields of relevant halal quality infrastructure will be conveyed to Mongolian Side by the end of 2021.

18. Urbanization

Both Sides agreed to further enhance and activate the direct relations and cooperation between the Housing Development Administration (TOKİ) of Turkey and the State Housing Corporation (TOSK) of Mongolia. Accordingly, Both Sides agreed to work together towards concluding the “Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Housing”, in 2022.

19. Forestry and Water Management

Forestry

Both Sides agreed to cooperate on the following activities:

- Sustainable forestry management practices,
- Combating with Forest Fires and sharing knowledge and experience,
- Preventing forest pests and diseases,

- Reforestation of degraded forest areas,
- Afforestation techniques with fast growing tree species,
- Seed collection techniques of forest tree species and seedling growing techniques.

Both Sides agreed to exchange views about cooperation on reducing land degradation, conservation of soil and water shed improvement.

Both Sides expressed their willingness to promote cooperation in the frame of the National Campaign “One Billion Trees” of Mongolia and the National Campaign “Breath for the Future” of Turkey.

Water Management

Both Sides agreed to cooperate on the following activities:

- Scientific and technical cooperation in the fields of sustainable water management, water and wastewater treatment technologies,
- Training activities on the design and operation of water and wastewater treatment plants.

Turkish Side also expressed its readiness to provide its contribution and support to the geological and geotechnical surveys for dams, impoundments, treatment facilities and irrigation projects; to the hydrogeological surveys for groundwater investigations and to the drilling, construction, designing, planning and the implementation processes of drilling wells for water.

Mongolian Side proposed to promote the cooperation on hydrology and hydrogeology research in Mongolia and advanced technology transfer to increase surface water resources.

Mongolian Side proposed to implement a pilot project to increase water resources through technology transfer, trainings and sharing of expertise for the construction of small and medium scale ponds and water reservoirs in Mongolia.

Mongolian Side asked Turkish Side to organize training activities in the following areas:

- Automation of water supply system, intelligent information control and management system, design and operation of automated water supply system,
- Application of the latest advanced techniques, technologies and equipment used in water supply systems,
- Application of the latest advanced techniques, technologies and equipment for surface water treatment,
- The latest advanced techniques, technologies and equipment for domestic wastewater treatment,
- Flood drainage and use of flood water.

20. Cooperation in the field of Education

Both Sides reiterated their willingness to sign the “Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Education” in order to provide a legal basis for educational relations between Both

Sides. Turkish Side requested Mongolian Side to send its response to the draft text submitted by Turkish Side in 2017 at the earliest convenience.

Mongolian Side acknowledged that the “Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the field of Higher Education between the Ministry of Education and Science of Mongolia and the Council of Higher Education of the Republic of Turkey” was signed by the Mongolian Side in May 2021. Turkish Side stressed that the received MoU will be signed and returned in a short period of time.

Mongolian Side expressed its willingness to finalize the draft Agreement on Higher Education Scholarship.

Turkish Side stated its willingness to share a “Memorandum of Understanding between Turkish Maarif Foundation and the Ministry of Education and Science of Mongolia” in 2022.

Mongolian Side reaffirmed its understanding that “Cultural, Educational and Scientific Exchange Program between the Government of Mongolia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the years 2013-2016” is still valid in accordance with the Article 47 of the Agreement.

21. Technical Assistance by Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction for the projects realized in the fields of education, health, development of administrative units, social infrastructure needs, vocational courses, protection of cultural heritage and income generating.

Both Sides expressed their willingness to sustain and improve development cooperation through TİKA.

22. Bilateral Cooperation in the Field of Health

Both Sides decided to renew the agreement on health cooperation between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Health of Mongolia, taking into consideration today's needs and allowing for a broader cooperation.

Both Sides decided to establish a Joint Working Group to revive and strengthen cooperation and organize the inaugural meeting of the Working Group in 2022, and to start working on an Action Plan to further strengthen the cooperation in the field of health as well as to lay down the activities of the Joint Working Group.

Turkish Side expressed its readiness to share its knowledge and experience accumulated throughout the health reform implemented for the past 20 years in order to strengthen the health system of Mongolia.

23. Emergency and Migration Issues

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with the “Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Emergency Management” between the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority of the Republic of Turkey (AFAD) and the National Emergency Management Agency of Mongolia (NEMA), signed on April 6th, 2018.

Both Sides expressed their contentment with the signature of the “Action Plan on Implementation Plan for Memorandum of Understanding between the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority of the Republic of Turkey and the National Emergency Management Agency of Mongolia on Cooperation in the Field of Emergency Management.”

Both Sides also expressed their satisfaction with the “Joint Declaration of Intent on Cooperation in the Field of Migration” between the Directorate General of Migration Management of the Ministry of Interior, Republic of Turkey and the Immigration Agency of Mongolia.

Both Sides noted their appreciation for the action plan prepared by Mongolian Side within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Both Sides agreed to develop further cooperation in the field of disaster and emergency management.

24. Defense

Both Sides expressed their willingness to continue their cooperation in defense and military fields in accordance with the bilateral agreements in force.

Both Sides agreed to hold the 10th session of the Joint Economic and Trade Committee in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in the second half of 2023. The exact date will be mutually determined through diplomatic channels.

Done and signed in Ankara, Turkey on November 16, 2021 in two originals in English language, each text being equally authentic.

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