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Mongolia - Joint Declaration of Principles

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John D. Negroponte and Mongolian Foreign Minister Nyamaa Enkhbold today signed a Declaration of Principles for Closer Cooperation between the United States and Mongolia. The Declaration reaffirms the "longstanding friendship and excellent relations based on shared values and common interests" between the United States and Mongolia.

Through the eight Principles of Cooperation outlined in the Declaration, the United States and Mongolia reiterate a commitment to expansion of development and long term cooperation in political, economic, trade, investment, educational, cultural, arts, scientific and technological, environmental, health, defense, security, humanitarian and other fields.

The Declaration notes that such cooperation includes "support by the United States for Mongolia's efforts to strengthen the institutions and values of democratic society; pursuit of measures to reduce and eliminate barriers in trade and investment; joint efforts to enhance Mongolia's capacity in peace-keeping, the delivery of humanitarian assistance and the conduct of disaster relief operations; and joint work to combat organized and transnational crimes and human trafficking, illegal trade of drugs, counterfeiting of currencies, money laundering and financing of terrorism."

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