

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H.Res. 1100 with
Amendments**

**(The amendments consist of a new preamble, a substitute text, and
an amendment to the title)**

116TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 1100

Reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia
and observing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. YOHO, and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and observing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia.

Whereas the United States and Mongolia established diplomatic relations in January 1987, and since that time the relationship has grown stronger based on shared strategic interests, security cooperation, democratic values, good governance, and respect for human rights;

Whereas, since its peaceful democratic revolution in 1989, Mongolia has charted, through a series of initiatives, a successful path to multiparty democracy and a free market economy;

Whereas, in 1990, the Government of Mongolia declared an end to a one-party, authoritarian, political system and adopted democratic and free market reforms;

Whereas, in 1992, Mongolia adopted a constitution establishing a parliamentary democracy, becoming the first country in Asia to transition from communism to democracy;

Whereas, in 1999, the Government of Mongolia invited the Peace Corps to establish its program in the country and has since hosted 1,437 volunteers in English and health education;

Whereas Mongolia has shown its commitment to a “third neighbor” relationship with the United States by sending troops to support United States operations in Iraq from 2003 through 2008 and Afghanistan since 2009, and Mongolia has a strong record of troop contributions to international peacekeeping missions;

Whereas successive Mongolian governments have taken notable steps to strengthen civil society, battle corruption, and spur economic development;

Whereas the Parliament of Mongolia, the State Great Khural, has engaged with Congress, including through the House Democracy Partnership, thereby promoting responsive and effective governance through peer-to-peer cooperation;

Whereas Mongolia began as a partner to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2004,

graduated to become a participating state in 2012, and participates actively in the work of the OSCE for stability, peace, and democracy;

Whereas Mongolia has regularly invited the OSCE and other organizations to send monitoring teams to its Presidential and parliamentary elections;

Whereas Mongolia has also been an active member of the Community of Democracies (CoD), a global coalition of countries that support adherence to common democratic values and standards, and Mongolia has not only remained active since the founding of the CoD in 2000 but also successfully chaired the CoD from 2011 through 2013;

Whereas, in addition to supporting the OSCE and CoD, Mongolia supports democratic initiatives while participating in a wide range of other global institutions;

Whereas most recently, on June 24, 2020, Mongolia successfully organized parliamentary elections, strengthening its commitment to democracy and the rule of law;

Whereas the success of Mongolia as a democracy and its strategic location, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and ability to pursue an independent foreign policy are highly relevant to the national security of the United States;

Whereas climate change in Mongolia has contributed to severe droughts, higher temperatures, and extreme winter weather conditions, resulting in mass deaths of livestock and economic hardship for people living in rural communities, especially the nomadic population;

Whereas the United States has provided support to Mongolia through the Millennium Challenge Corporation through an initial compact signed in 2007 designed to increase

economic growth and reduce poverty and a second compact signed in 2018 involving investments in water infrastructure, including supply and wastewater recycling, as well as water sector sustainability;

Whereas, on September 20, 2018, the United States and Mongolia signed a joint statement and the Roadmap for Expanded Economic Partnership, outlining the intent to deepen the bilateral commercial relationship through full implementation of the obligations under the Agreement on Transparency in Matters Related to International Trade and Investment between the United States of America and Mongolia, signed at New York, September 24, 2013 (in this preamble referred to as the “United States-Mongolia Transparency Agreement”), and to collaborate in supporting Mongolian small- and medium-sized enterprises through various programs and projects;

Whereas according to the Bureau of the Census, trade between the United States and Mongolia is modest but growing, with a total value of trade in 2019 between the two countries of approximately \$217,500,000, including \$192,700,000 in United States exports to Mongolia and \$24,800,000 in United States imports from Mongolia;

Whereas Mongolia is a beneficiary country under the Generalized System of Preferences program, but its use of the program remains low, as in 2018 only \$3,300,000 of exports from Mongolia to the United States entered were under the program; and

Whereas, on July 31, 2019, the United States and Mongolia declared the bilateral relationship a “Strategic Partnership” and noted the shared desire—

(1) to intensify cooperation as strong democracies based on the rule of law through safeguarding and pro-

moting democratic values and human rights, including the freedoms of religion or belief, expression, including internet and media freedom, assembly, and association, anticorruption and fiscal transparency, and youth and emerging leader development;

(2) to cooperate in promoting national security and stability across the Indo-Pacific region so that all countries, secure in their sovereignty, are able to pursue economic growth consistent with international law and principles of fair competition;

(3) to deepen national security and law-enforcement ties through collaboration on bilateral and multilateral security, judicial, and law enforcement efforts in the region;

(4) to strengthen cooperation in multilateral engagements such as peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, and disaster preparedness and relief operations;

(5) to expand trade and investment relations on a fair and reciprocal basis, support private sector-led growth, fully implement the United States-Mongolia Transparency Agreement, promote women's entrepreneurship, and continue to explore support for infrastructure under the new United States International Development Finance Corporation with the new tools provided under the BUILD Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);

(6) to strengthen border security, prevent illegal transshipment and trafficking, expand cooperation on civil aviation safety and oversight, and efficiently facilitate legitimate travel between Mongolia and the United States;

(7) to increase cooperation in addressing transnational threats such as terrorism, human trafficking, drug trafficking, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, cyberattacks, transnational organized

crime, pandemics, and other emerging nontraditional security threats;

(8) to continue to develop an environment in which civil society, social media, and a free and independent media can flourish; and

(9) to maintain high-level official dialogues, encourage bilateral exchanges at all levels of government, and further develop people-to-people exchanges to deepen engagement on issues of mutual interest and concern: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) underscores the importance of the relation-
3 ship between the United States and Mongolia and
4 remains committed to advancing this Strategic Part-
5 nership in the future;

6 (2) encourages the United States Government
7 to help Mongolia use its benefits under the General-
8 ized System of Preferences program and other rel-
9 evant programs to increase trade between the United
10 States and Mongolia;

11 (3) urges the United States International De-
12 velopment Finance Corporation to expand activities
13 in Mongolia to support economic development, diver-
14 sification of the economy of Mongolia, and women-
15 owned small- and medium-sized enterprises;

16 (4) urges Mongolia to address climate change
17 and continue to work with the UN Environment
18 Programme, the Global Climate Fund, and other

1 global institutions to strengthen climate change re-
2 silience;

3 (5) urges private and public support to help di-
4 versify the economy of Mongolia through increased
5 cooperation and investments, as well as infrastruc-
6 ture and other vital projects;

7 (6) supports the resumption of the Peace Corps
8 program in Mongolia once the COVID–19 pandemic
9 has subsided;

10 (7) urges the Department of State, the United
11 States Agency for International Development, and
12 other relevant agencies to continue to support Mon-
13 golia’s democratic and economic development and ef-
14 forts on anticorruption;

15 (8) calls for the continued engagement of Mon-
16 golia in the Organization for Security and Coopera-
17 tion in Europe, the Community of Democracies, con-
18 gressional-parliamentary partnerships, including con-
19 tinued high-level parliamentary exchange, and other
20 institutions that promote democratic values, which
21 reinforces the commitment of the people and the
22 Government of Mongolia to those values and stand-
23 ards;

24 (9) reaffirms the importance of civil society to
25 the continued democratic development of Mongolia;

1 (10) encourages the Government of Mongolia to
2 build a regulatory system that supports and encour-
3 ages the growth and operation of independent non-
4 governmental organizations and continues to pursue
5 policies of transparency that uphold democratic val-
6 ues;

7 (11) urges Mongolia to continue their commit-
8 ment to free, fair and credible elections; and

9 (12) encourages the Government of Mongolia to
10 continue legal reform, build institutional capacity,
11 and improve the independence of other democratic
12 institutions.

Amend the title so as to read: “A resolution re-
affirming the importance of the strategic partnership be-
tween the United States and Mongolia.”.