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MONGOLIA COUNTRY BUSINESS PLAN: END OF YEAR REVIEW 2013/14

1. Thank you for your end of year review of the country business plan. I am very grateful for all the hard work that this represents over what has been, and continues to be, a particularly busy time.
2. I agree with your overall rating of green for the plan as a whole, and have been impressed with your excellent use of the programme budget last year. Well done.
3. Congratulations on your outstanding UKTI results in your first year of operation. Coming in the top 5 of UKTI's best performing Posts for having exceeded your targets is a significant achievement. I am conscious that this has involved a large amount of time and commitment from your small team in Ulaanbaatar and this has not gone unnoticed.
4. I am also impressed with the attention to detail given to the opening of the Visa Application Centre and the move of visa services to Manila, which seems to have gone smoothly despite initial concerns.
5. I also note that there has been a good deal of movement to help align Mongolia with UK values. **[REDACTED - International Relations Section 27 (1a, c,d) – Bilateral relations; protection and promotion of UK interests abroad; Commercial interests Section 43(2) – prejudice interests for any person and public authorities]**
6. In 2014/15, I would like to see you continue to make progress against the Four Year Goals. In particular, I want you to focus on your prosperity objectives, and developing your UKTI success. **[REDACTED - International Relations Section 27 (1a, c,d) – Bilateral relations; protection and promotion of UK interests abroad; Commercial interests Section 43(2) – prejudice interests for any person and public authorities]**. I would urge you to continue with your ambition and drive to help British business and investment into Mongolia, and to push harder for good governance and transparency **[REDACTED - International Relations Section 27 (1a, c,d) – Bilateral relations; protection and promotion of UK interests abroad; Commercial interests Section 43(2) – prejudice interests for any person and public authorities]**; I know you are already engaged with colleagues on this.
7. Reviewing your EYR reminded us all of the breadth of your work at Post and of your achievements over the past year. Please pass on my thanks to all of your staff.

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