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Thank you for your email of 20 September asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked: *Whether E3G has acted on behalf of the Foreign office at past UN climate change conferences.*

In particular, you requested the following:

- 1. Which UN COP climate conferences E3G acted for the Foreign Office*
- 2. What the nature of their involvement was*
- 3. Initially, the total contract value to date, followed by a break down*
- 4. What other work E3G have done for the Foreign Office on either climate change or any other studies.*
- 5. Analysis of conflicts of interests that E3G may have due to relationships that its directors have with high carbon industries or other contracts that the firm is managing.*

E3G has never acted on behalf of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) at any of the UN CoP climate conferences. Therefore, I can confirm that the FCO does not hold any information in relation to questions: 1, 2 and 3.

I can confirm the FCO holds information relevant to question 4, relating to any other work E3G has done for the Foreign Office. E3G have been involved directly and indirectly with several projects completed with FCO funding, as described below. (Some of these involved no contractual relationship between the FCO and E3G.)

1. China: 'Building Chinese support for an ambitious post-2012 Global Climate Deal through Track II diplomacy'
Project Implementer: E3G

E3G was the project implementer of a FCO project run from the British Embassy in Beijing to support building of ambition for action on climate change through international collaboration in the areas of GHG measurement, technology cooperation, economic benefits of low carbon.

2. China: 'Interdependencies and Cooperation on Climate and Energy Security between China and Europe' & 'Low Carbon Zones: A transformational agenda for China and Europe'
Project Implementer: Chatham House

Chatham House worked on these two projects to build a series of initiatives for low carbon cooperation between China and Europe. They sub-contracted part of this work to E3G, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and the Energy Research Institute of the NDRC for facilitation and research activities. These organisations were Chatham House's partners in the projects, but were not direct recipients of FCO funds.

3. Poland: 'Conference to promote Carbon Capture and Storage for mainstreaming the clean use of coal'
Project Implementer: DemosEUROPA

E3G took part in three study visits alongside the project's Impact Assessment Project Team, the Department of Energy and Climate Change, UKIE, UK and Polish expert organisations and industry to develop the Impact Assessment. They were also involved in presenting at a follow-up conference and teleconference.

4. Turkey: 'China's 12th five year plan and the global 'low carbon race''
Project Implementer: E3G

E3G was the project implementer for a project looking at influencing the strategic outlook in Turkey for low carbon transformation. The project's purpose was to use China's experience and lessons in low carbon development in order to inform and influence a more proactive position among key Turkish constituencies about the opportunities of low carbon transformation.

5. China: 'EU-China strategic engagement on energy, resource security and climate change'
Project Implementer: Joint E3G & Chatham House

A jointly implemented project with Chatham House, designed to encourage EU-China strategic engagement on energy, resource security and climate change, with the aim of raising decarbonisation ambition in China.

With regards to question 5, the FCO carries out due diligence on all project suppliers/implementers and considers any previous work with them and relevant background information on financial, reputational and organisational issues. On the question of any conflicts of interest that E3G may have due to relationships with high carbon industries or other contracts this would be a matter for E3G itself. I can confirm the FCO does not hold any information regarding analysis of this issue.

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