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*Dear Andrew,*

## **MONGOLIA: END OF YEAR REVIEW 2014/15**

1. Thank you for the end year review of the 2014-15 country business plan. At the end of March the senior management team reviewed all the plans across the Directorate and my comments here reflect that discussion, including where we questioned or challenged the assessments from Posts.
2. Firstly, a big thank you to you and your team for all the work that has gone into delivering good outcomes for the UK in Mongolia, often in challenging circumstances. I continue to hear praise for the Post's excellent work in support of British businesses, **[REDACTED International relations – bilateral relations; promotion and protection of UK interests abroad Section 27 (1a c,d)]**
3. The panel also commended the wider work the team has put into improving the business environment and in raising the UKTI profile to encourage UK companies to work with Mongolia.
4. We recognised that the weakened Mongolian economy **[REDACTED International relations – bilateral relations; promotion and protection of UK interests abroad Section 27 (1a c,d)]** have hampered progress on several of the outcomes in the business plan. We therefore thought that the overall picture on the Business Plan was Amber rather than Green, reflecting the circumstances and outcomes rather than the performance of individuals or teams at the Embassy. **[REDACTED International relations – bilateral relations; promotion and protection of UK interests abroad Section 27 (1a c,d)]**
5. I am grateful too for the work of your small team in support of HMG foreign policy priorities, including all the arrangements for Minister Swire's visit and on Chevening scholarships, as well as engagement and lobbying of the Mongolian government on a wide range of thematic and regional issues.

**[REDACTED International Relations – bilateral relations; section 27 (1a)]**

*Yours ever*

*Stephen*

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