



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order declares the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Mongolia, on the other (the Agreement), to be an EU Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

The Agreement provides a legal framework for relations between the European Union, its Member States and Mongolia. The Agreement will enhance cooperation between the Parties in a broad range of areas, including political dialogue, trade relations, development, energy, environment, health, transport, investment, human rights, education and culture, science and technology, justice, migration and asylum. The Agreement also includes articles on combating terrorism and countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

The principal effect of declaring this Agreement to be an EU Treaty so defined is that the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 (which provide for implementation of treaties specified in orders made under section 1(3) of that Act) apply to it.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been carried out for this Order as there is a negligible impact on the costs to UK business, charities and voluntary bodies.

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