

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: _____
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: _____ Return: _____
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: _____ Destination: _____ Return City: _____
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: _____
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: Ami B

Date: _____

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: United Nations Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

3. Date of Departure: August 22, 2025 Date of Return: August 29, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Ami Bera

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$11,162.49	\$1,065	\$140.81	\$268.04 (translators, museum guides/entrance fees, and cultural activities)
Accompanying Family Member	\$11,162.49	\$175	\$140.81	\$268.04 (translators, museum guides/entrance fees, and cultural activities)

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: Sept. 8, 2025

Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President

Organization: United Nations Foundation

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006

Telephone: 202-887-9040 Email: pyeo@unfoundation.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Amerish Bera

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Ami Bera

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 172 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-860-4429

Email Address of Contact Person: aishamae.mughal@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Amerish Bera
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: United Nations Foundation
Eleanor Crook Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
4. a. Date of Departure: August 22, 2025 Date of Return: August 29, 2025
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Dr. Janine Bera
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
Rep. Bera was invited on this trip to learn more about Mongolian politics, culture, and international relations, which is pertinent to his role as the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on East Asia and Pacific.

9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: Ami Bera Date: 07/23/2025

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

United Nations Foundation

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Eleanor Crook Foundation

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____

Please see attached.

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: August 22, 2025 Date of Return: August 29, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____
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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor’s interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
Please see attached.
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
 The delegation will travel roundtrip to Bugat Tourist Camp via a charter helicopter (5-10 min flight) to avoid problematic and often dangerous terrain.
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14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If “b” is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): **\$80**
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: **Please see attached.**
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name:	<u>Shangri-La Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Ulaanbaatar</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$185</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>Favorable rate and location.</u>				
Hotel Name:	<u>Bugat Tourist Camp</u>	City:	<u>Gorkhi-Terelj National Park</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$185</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>Favorable rate and location.</u>				
Hotel Name:	_____	City:	_____	Cost Per Night:	_____
Reason(s) for Selecting:	_____				

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$12,500	\$1,110	\$400
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$12,500	0	\$400


	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of “Other” Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$95	Various museum and cultural activity fees
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$95	Various museum and cultural activity fees

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee’s Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: July 16, 2025
 Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President
 Organization: United Nations Foundation
 Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006
 Email: pyeo@unfoundation.org Telephone: 202-887-9040

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

**UN Foundation Congressional Learning Trip to Mongolia
Answers to Primary Trip Sponsor Form Questions 4, 12, and 15b2**

4. Names and titles of all House invitees and explanation of why the individual was invited:

The following individuals have been invited to participate in this learning trip to Mongolia because they work on issues related to U.S. foreign policy, Central Asia/the Pacific, international development, agriculture, nutrition, global health, international organizations, and/or associated subjects.

Rep. Ami Bera
Rep. Darrell Issa
Rep. Madeleine Dean
Rep. Pramila Jayapal
Rep. Sara Jacobs
Rep. Dina Titus
Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove
Rep. Maria Salazar
Rep. Michael Baumgartner
Rep. Don Bacon
Rep. Thomas Kean
Rep. Blake Moore
Rep. Jefferson Shreve
Rep. Bill Huizenga
Rep. Mike Lawler
Rep. Ryan Mackenzie
Rep. George Latimer
Rep. Julie Johnson
Rep. Ed Case
Rep. Lois Frankel
Rep. Mike Quigley
Rep. Juan Ciscomani
Rep. Chuck Edwards
Rep. Mark Alford
Rep. Vern Buchanan
Rep. Keith Self
Rep. Jason Crow
Rep. Derek Tran
Rep. Jay Obernolte
Rep. Luz Rivas
Rep. Jonathan Jackson
Rep. Gabe Amo
Rep. David Valadao
Rep. Riley Moore
Rep. Darin LaHood
Rep. Joaquin Castro

Rep. French Hill
Rep. Ted Lieu
Rep. Vicente Gonzalez
Rep. Yassamin Ansari
Rep. Sara Elfreth
Rep. Celeste Maloy
Rep. Maggie Goodlander
Rep. Tom Barrett
Rep. Buddy Carter
Rep. Andy Barr
Rep. Dan Newhouse
Rep. Steve Womack
Rep. Dusty Johnson
Rep. Nathaniel Moran
Rep. Joe Wilson
Rep. Robert Garcia
Rep. Nicole Malliotakis
Rep. Lateefah Simon
Rep. John Moolenaar
Rep. Nick Begich
Rep. Jeff Crank
Rep. Mike Haridopolos
Rep. Rob Wittman
Rep. Trent Kelly
Rep. Neal Dunn
Rep. Jake Ellzey
Rep. Ashley Hinson

12. Description of the sponsor’s interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The UN Foundation (UNF) works to educate all Americans, including the U.S. Congress, on the importance of a strong U.S.-UN relationship, with a focus on interconnected issues such as global health, nutrition, sustainable development, and peace and security. This learning trip provides an opportunity for policymakers to better understand bilateral and multilateral efforts to strengthen health systems in Mongolia, respond to food insecurity and nutrition challenges, promote conservation and biodiversity, protect cultural heritage, preserve traditional knowledge, practices, and historical sites, and advance economic growth and development.

The Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) was founded in 1997 with a single goal: to eradicate global malnutrition. ECF invests in research that proves what methods work, policy analysis to drive systems reform, and advocacy that makes the case for urgent action to address this global crisis. In 2017, the Foundation pledged \$100 million towards the elimination of global malnutrition.

UNF is organizing all aspects of the program/logistics. UNF handles all outreach to congressional offices and is the contact for planning purposes. UNF received a grant from ECF to partially support this trip. ECF has not played any role in organizing this trip and has not been involved in the selection or invitation of the trip participants.

15b2. Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Since its peaceful transition to democracy in 1990, Mongolia has undergone profound political and economic change. Recent years have seen rapid urbanization and significant growth fueled by the country's abundant natural resources, including copper, gold, and coal. These industries have helped put the country on a path towards achieving upper-middle-income status within the next few years.

At the same time, Mongolia faces an array of development challenges. The country's overreliance on the extractive sector has driven economic growth but left the country vulnerable to global commodity fluctuations and contributed to environmental degradation, water scarcity, and biodiversity loss. Rapid urbanization has also outpaced infrastructure development, leading to the proliferation of informal settlements with limited access to clean water, sanitation, and reliable energy. Meanwhile, growing income inequality and persistent gaps in education and healthcare continue to undermine human development outcomes. These issues are further compounded by institutional constraints, including weak regulatory enforcement, limited institutional transparency, and corruption.

Over the course of five days, the delegation will engage with the UN Country Team, U.S. Embassy, and senior officials from the Government of Mongolia in Ulaanbaatar to discuss these challenges in-depth and observe how the UN is working with local stakeholders to respond to competing needs on the ground, including efforts to strengthen transparency and accountability, advance economic growth, enhance the efficiency and responsiveness of public institutions, and expand access to quality healthcare—especially in maternal and child health, immunization coverage, and nutrition.

We will also examine how the Government of Mongolia and the UN are working together to protect two of Mongolia's most vital assets: its complex biodiversity and unique cultural heritage. Through firsthand exploration of efforts focused on sustainable land and water management, protected area expansion, field conservation, and the preservation of traditional knowledge, practices, and historical understanding, the delegation will be provided a comprehensive view of bilateral and multilateral efforts across the country.

Lastly, strategically sandwiched between China and Russia, this trip will be an opportunity to assess some of the larger geopolitical developments at play in Mongolia, including evolving great power dynamics and their implications for continued U.S. leadership in the region.



Agenda for UNF Congressional Learning Trip to Mongolia

FINAL VERSION, UPDATED AUG 23

August 22-29, 2025

****All Times Local****
+12 hours from Washington, DC

Friday, August 22 --- Members' Districts/Washington, DC/Travel

Attire: Casual.

1:30pm Depart Dulles International Airport (IAD) via Korean Air 94 (exact departures will vary by member)
Flight time 15h 10m

Saturday, August 23 --- Travel

Attire: Casual.

5:40pm Arrive Incheon International Airport (ICN)
Layover 1h 50m

7:30pm Depart ICN via Korean Air 195
Flight time 3h 40m

10:10pm Reps. Bera and Jacobs, Amb. Braithwaite, and Ms. Nauert arrive Chinggis Khan International Airport (UBN)

10:40pm Reps. Case and Jackson arrive UBN (via MIAT flight 506)

10:45pm – 11:45pm Transit via hired car to Shangri-La Hotel

Overnight Shangri-La Hotel
Olympic Street 19, District-1, Ulaanbaatar 14241, Mongolia

Sunday, August 24 --- Ulaanbaatar

Attire: Casual/Business Casual for Dinner.

10:30am – 11:30am **Welcome Breakfast with Jaap van Hierden, UN Resident Coordinator in Mongolia, and United Nations Foundation**

The delegation will have a welcome working breakfast with the UN Resident Coordinator and United Nations Foundation to review the week's programming and answer any final questions about the learning trip.

Location: London Room, Floor 2, Shangri-La Hotel

11:30am – 11:45am Transit via hired car to Chinggis Khan National Museum

11:45am – 12:45pm **Expert Guided Tour of Chinggis Khaan National Museum**

The delegation will receive an expert guided tour of the new Chinggis Khaan National Museum, which will provide a detailed understanding of Mongolia’s cultural and political evolution, with a strong emphasis on the legacy of Chinggis Khaan and the Mongol Empire. Officially inaugurated in October 2022 on the former site of the Natural History Museum, the institution houses over 10,000 artifacts, over 90% of which are originals, spanning Mongolia’s history from the Bronze Age and early nomadic states through the expansion of the Mongol Empire to the early 20th century. The expert guided tour will culminate with a visit to the museum’s “Great Khaan’s Palace” on the 9th floor, home to a dramatic 22-foot golden statue of Chinggis Khaan which was unveiled in a high-profile ceremony in March 2025 that was attended by Mongolia’s president and prime minister.

By combining authentic artifacts, immersive storytelling, and scholarly interpretation, the visit will give the delegation a nuanced and respectful understanding of Mongolia’s rich and dynamic past and provide them with an important reference point that will frame the rest of the week’s programming.

Location: Chinggis Khaan National Museum, J Sambuu street, Chingeltei district 4, 15160 Ulaanbaatar

12:45pm – 1:00pm Transit via hired car to Choijin Lama Temple Museum

1:00pm – 1:45pm **Expert Guided Tour of Choijin Lama Temple Museum**

The delegation will receive an expert guided tour of the Choijin Lama Temple Museum—one of the most well-preserved and historically significant temple complexes in Mongolia. The temple was constructed between 1904 and 1908 at a time when Mongolia was still under Qing control. The Choijin Temple complex originally served as a place of worship and as a residence for monks and was dedicated to the Three Great Masters of Buddhism, particularly the prominent Buddhist teacher Choijamts. Choijin Temple is unique in its combination of Tibetan and Mongolian architectural styles, which reflect Mongolia’s close ties with Tibetan Buddhism.

During the expert guided tour, the delegation will learn how many religious institutions in Mongolia were destroyed or repurposed during the

Soviet-influenced purges of the 1930s and how the Choijin Temple was saved from destruction largely due to its status as a cultural and historical landmark. In the 1940s, the complex was repurposed as a museum dedicated to Mongolian Buddhist culture, and it remains a museum to this day, offering an important window into Mongolia's spiritual traditions before the Communist era, showcasing how Buddhism was once deeply woven into the fabric of Mongolian society.

The delegation will also have the chance to see a temple being restored with U.S. funds under the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation.

Location: Choijin Lama Temple Museum, Genden St, SBD - 1 khoroo, Ulaanbaatar 14240

1:45pm – 2:00pm Transit to Il Cavallo Restaurant

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Working Lunch with Chinuukhei Bat-Erdene, Secretary-General of the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO**

The delegation will have a working lunch with the Secretary-General of the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO to learn how UNESCO works to introduce Mongolian nomadic culture, traditional heritage, education, and scientific advancements to the international community, as well as contribute to their advancement by considering global achievements and Mongolia's unique characteristics.

Location: Private Function Room, Floor 15, Il Cavallo, Olympic Street, G Center, 14230

3:00pm – 3:15pm Transit via hired car to Mongolian Arts Council

3:15pm – 4:15pm **Visit to Mongolian Arts Council, with UNESCO Briefing on History of Traditional Mongolian Script, and Meeting and Demonstration by Uransaikhan Bileg, Mongolian Calligraphy Artist**

The delegation will visit the Mongolian Arts Council and be briefed by UNESCO on the history of traditional Mongolian script—one of the oldest and most unique writing systems in the world—and recent efforts to preserve and promote the traditional writing system, which was recognized by UNESCO as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2010.

Despite its 800-year history, traditional Mongolian script was at significant risk of going extinct for much of the 20th century, particularly after the country's adoption of the Cyrillic alphabet in the 1940s. The transition to Cyrillic was part of a broader political and cultural shift

influenced by Soviet policies, which sought to modernize and standardize the country along Soviet lines. This move deeply impacted the traditional script, leading to its gradual decline in use and practice.

The delegation will learn about the creation of the script, which can trace its roots to Uighur script which was adapted by Chinggis Khaan in the 13th century to write the Mongol language, and government-led initiatives to promote the use of the traditional script, including the Law on Mongolian Script, which was passed in 2018, and aims to restore the traditional script to public life, especially in official documents, signage, and media.

Location: Mongolian Arts Council

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| 4:15pm – 4:30pm | Transit via hired car to Shangri-la Hotel |
| 4:30pm – 6:15pm | Executive Time |
| 6:15pm – 6:30pm | Transit on foot to Diplomatic Community Center |
| 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Welcome Reception, led by Amb. Richard Buangan, U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia |

The delegation will attend a welcome reception hosted by Amb. Richard Buangan and meet members of the diplomatic community in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolian members of parliament and senior officials, U.S. Embassy community members, and Peace Corps volunteers.

Location: Ambassador's Residence, UNESCO Street, Ulaanbaatar (Poor-weather back-up: Diplomatic Community Center next door)

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| 8:30pm – 8:45pm | Transit on foot to Shangri-La Hotel |
| Overnight | Shangri-La Hotel
Olympic Street 19, District-1, Ulaanbaatar 14241, Mongolia |

Monday, August 25 --- Ulaanbaatar

Attire: Business.

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| 7:45am – 8:30am | Breakfast at the hotel (<i>at your leisure</i>) |
| 8:30am – 8:45am | Transit via hired car to U.S. Embassy Ulaanbaatar |
| | Note: BRING YOUR PASSPORTS |
| 9:00am – 10:00am | Meeting with U.S. Country Team, led by Amb. Richard Buangan |

The delegation will meet with the U.S. Country Team to discuss U.S.-Mongolia relations, including key issues such as regional security, the investment climate, market access, energy security, and people-to-people ties.

Location: Cafeteria Meeting Space, U.S. Embassy Ulaanbaatar

10:00am – 10:15am Transit to UN House

10:15am – 11:15am **Meeting with UN Country Team, led by Jaap van Hierden, UN Resident Coordinator in Mongolia**

The delegation will meet with the UN Country Team to contextualize the major development challenges in Mongolia and provide a general overview of how the 24 resident and non-resident UN agencies, programmes, and funds in Mongolia work together and actively partner with the Government of Mongolia and the U.S. to advance inclusive human development, improve maternal and child health, promote economic growth, strengthen sustainable agricultural practices, and enhance disaster preparedness.

Location: Meeting Ger, UN House, United Nations St 14, SBD - 6 khoroo, Ulaanbaatar 14201

11:15am – 11:30am Transit via hired car to State Great Khural

11:30am – 12:15pm **Meeting with Deputy Chairwoman of the State Great Khural, Bulgantuya Khurelbaatar**

The delegation will meet with elected officials from the Great State Khural, the unicameral legislative body of Mongolia, led by Ms. Bulgantuya Khurelbaatar, Deputy Chairwoman, to discuss critical issues impacting U.S.-Mongolia relations, including the importance of strong support for the many UN programs and initiatives across the country.

Established in 1924 after Mongolia declared itself a People's Republic, the State Great Khural is a unicameral parliament responsible for enacting laws, approving the national budget, and overseeing the executive branch of government. Over the years, its powers have evolved, particularly after the country transitioned to a democracy in 1990. The delegation will additionally be briefed on recent changes in the composition of the Great State Khural and a nationwide electoral system overhaul which resulted in the expansion of the State Great Khural from 76 to 126 seats and a move from single-member districts and proportional representation to mixed-member proportional system.

12:15pm – 12:45pm **Meeting with Gankhuyag Khassuuri, Member of Parliament and Chair of the Mongolia-U.S. Inter-Parliamentary Group**

The delegation will meet with the Chair of the Mongolia-U.S. Interparliamentary Group, a key component of the diplomatic and legislative ties between Mongolia and the United States. Formed to foster closer cooperation between the parliaments of both nations, the group serves as a platform for mutual dialogue and the exchange of ideas on a range of critical issues, including trade, security, human rights, and regional stability.

12:45pm – 1:00pm **Expert Guided Tour of State Palace, Parliament Hall**

Location: State Great Khural

1:00pm – 1:05pm Transit on foot to Asiana Restaurant

1:05pm – 2:30pm **Working Lunch with Amb. Batbayar Ulziidelger, Ambassador of Mongolia to the U.S. and Ts. Dashdorj, Minister of Mining and Heavy Industry**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Amb. Batbayar Ulziidelger, Ambassador of Mongolia to the U.S. and Ts. Dashdorj, Minister of Mining and Heavy Industry to discuss critical issues impacting U.S.-Mongolia relations and efforts to increase bilateral cooperation and investment.

Location: Asiana Restaurant, 3rd Floor, Central Tower, Sukhbaatar District

2:30pm – 3:00pm Transit via hired car to Gandantegchinlen Monastery

3:00pm – 4:00pm **Visit to Gandantegchinlen Monastery and Meeting with Lama Gankhuyag Magsarjav, Head of Foreign Affairs and Bayar Enkhbold, Head of Administration**

The delegation will visit Gandantegchinlen Monastery and meet with representatives of the Monastery's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of His Holiness the Khamba Lama, to discuss the importance of interfaith dialogue, international cooperation, and multilateralism. They will receive a guided tour of the Monastery compound from Lama Gankhuyag.

Gandantegchinlen Monastery is one of Mongolia's most significant and active Buddhist centers. Founded in the early 19th century, Gandantegchinlen was one of the very few religious institutions in Mongolia that survived the Soviet-backed purge of the 1930s. While

nearly all other monasteries were destroyed and thousands of monks were killed or imprisoned, Gandantegchinlen was spared—primarily because the Mongolian government, under Soviet influence, chose to keep it open as a symbolic “show monastery.” This allowed them to demonstrate to the outside world that religious freedom still existed in Mongolia, even though, in reality, most religious practice had been brutally suppressed. However, the monastery’s activities were strictly controlled, and only a small number of monks were allowed to reside and perform rituals under government supervision.

Despite these limitations, Gandantegchinlen became a crucial refuge for preserving Buddhist knowledge, scriptures, and traditions in a time of severe persecution. It remained the only functioning monastery in the country for decades and later played a central role in the revival of Mongolian Buddhism after the fall of communism in the early 1990s. Today, Gandantegchinlen houses hundreds of monks and serves as a symbol of Mongolia’s spiritual resilience and cultural heritage.

Location: Gandantegchinlen Monastery

4:00pm – 4:45pm Transit via hired car to Ger District of Ulaanbaatar

4:45pm – 5:30pm **Visit to Coal-to-Solar Ger Project, Supported by the UN Development Programme (UNDP)**

The delegation will visit a local family’s ger (yurt) to learn how UNDP is helping increase access to clean energy and reducing air pollution in Ulaanbaatar’s population-dense Ger District via the Coal-to-Solar Project.

Over 1.6 million people live in Ulaanbaatar—nearly half of which rely exclusively on coal-based heating to survive the harsh winters. The resulting air pollution reaches up to 27 times WHO’s recommended safe levels at its peak, posing severe health risks and significant economic costs. The Coal-to-Solar Project, which is still in pilot phase, selected 69 largely women-led households to install solar panels and battery storage systems in the city’s ger districts, eliminating any need to use coal. By doing so, the project aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, lower energy costs for families, and improve public health by decreasing respiratory illnesses linked to coal smoke.

The pilot project has shown promising results, reducing household coal consumption and improving quality of life. Plans are now underway to expand the programme, with additional households in Chingeltei District, Ulaanbaatar set to transition to solar solutions in 2025.

5:30pm – 6:15pm Transit via hired car to Shangri-La Hotel

6:15pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:30pm **World Women’s Entrepreneur Forum Reception, hosted by H.E. Gombojav Zandanshatar, the Prime Minister of Mongolia**

The delegation will attend a reception for the opening of the World Women’s Entrepreneur Forum, hosted by H.E. Gombojav Zandanshatar, the Prime Minister of Mongolia. Under the theme “Inspire, Impact, Invest,” the Forum aims to support women entrepreneurs, developing their capabilities, facilitating experience-sharing, and creating a favorable environment for investment. The delegation will learn how WWEF, supported by the Mongolian Chamber of Commerce, is expanding economic opportunities and bringing together Mongolian and international small and medium-sized business owners, executives from TOP-100 companies, investors, policymakers, business consultants, and organizations that are interested in collaboration.

Location: Ballroom, Ground Floor, Shangri-La Hotel

Overnight Shangri-La Hotel
Olympic Street 19, District-1, Ulaanbaatar 14241, Mongolia

Tuesday, August 26 --- Ulaanbaatar

Attire: Casual.

6:30am – 7:00am Breakfast at hotel (on your own)

7:00am – 9:00am Transit via hired car to Five Hills Training Center

9:00am – 11:30am **Tour of Five Hills Training Center, Briefing on Mongolia’s UN Peacekeeping Contributions, and Meeting with Defense Officials and Former UN Peacekeepers**

The delegation will tour the Five Hills Training Center—a Mongolian military training facility designed to enhance the country’s defense capabilities and its collaboration with international partners, particularly the UN, U.S. and other NATO members. The center serves as a hub for joint military exercises, UN peacekeeping operations training, and multinational cooperation.

The delegation will be briefed on Mongolia’s longstanding contributions to UN peacekeeping operations, including an update on the currently 900 Mongolian Armed Forces that are serving in seven UN peacekeeping missions around the world, most notably the approximately 850 soldiers serving in the UN Mission in South Sudan. They will additionally receive

an update on how the U.S.'s Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI), led by the State Department's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs and the Department of Defense, is strengthening Mongolia's global peacekeeping capacity.

More than 22,000 Mongolian military personnel have participated in UN peacekeeping missions over the last 20 years. Mongolia currently ranks 8th among 120 troop-contributing nations to peacekeeping missions worldwide, 16th in terms of the number of female peacekeepers, and 1st among the countries in Northeast Asia.

Location: Five Hills Training Center, Altanbulag, Töv

11:30am – 12:15pm Transit via hired car to Khanbogd Cashmere

12:15pm – 1:45pm **Expert Tour of Khanbogd Cashmere Factory, Briefing on the International Trade Centre's (ITC) SheTrades Hub, and Working Lunch with Gantsetseg Choidon, Founder and CEO of Khanbogd Cashmere**

The delegation will visit Khanbogd's cashmere processing facility to learn how the UN has played a key role in supporting the sustainable development of Mongolia's iconic cashmere industry. Khanbogd Cashmere is a member of the SheTrades Hub, an initiative of the International Trade Centre (ITC), a joint agency of the UN and WTO. Khanbogd opened in Mongolia in 2023 and the UN has been cooperating with them since the establishment of the hub.

The cashmere industry is a vital pillar of Mongolia's economy, supporting around one-third of the population and accounting for a significant share of the country's non-mineral exports. The industry also holds deep cultural importance, though its rapid growth has raised sustainability challenges such as overgrazing and land degradation.

The delegation will be briefed on how the UN is helping strengthen value chains, promoting environmental stewardship, and empowering local communities. Through initiatives like the Green and Inclusive Value Chains project, the UN has helped herders and cooperatives adopt sustainable herding practices, improve product quality, and gain access to high-end markets through eco-labeling and certifications. It has also promoted climate-resilient livestock management to combat challenges like overgrazing and desertification, while supporting women entrepreneurs and small-scale processors in rural areas.

Location: Khanbogd Cashmere Factory, VWXF+Q9 Ulaanbaatar

1:45pm – 2:30pm Transit to National Center for Communicable Diseases

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Visit to National Center for Communicable Diseases (NCCD) and Tour of National Vaccine Cold-Storage Facility, Supported by UNICEF and World Health Organization (WHO)

The delegation will visit Mongolia’s National Center for Communicable Diseases (NCCD)—the country’s premier public health institution responsible for the surveillance, diagnosis, prevention, and control of infectious diseases, providing methodological guidance and laboratory services nationwide. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCCD has considerably strengthened its capacities and capabilities, receiving advanced next-generation sequencing (NGS) equipment from WHO and the Government of Australia.

The delegation will learn how the NCCD received a major boost in its vaccine cold-storage capabilities thanks to UNICEF and the World Bank’s COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project. In 2021, UNICEF spearheaded the construction of a modern, two-story, 1,686 m² Central Vaccine Store at the NCCD, quadrupling national vaccine storage capacity. The facility is equipped with a range of cold chain infrastructure—from +2 °C to ultracold -80 °C freezers, walk-in cold rooms, and energy-efficient systems—all built to international standards and resistant to earthquakes up to magnitude 8.0. This new facility ensures Mongolia’s ability to safely store and distribute both COVID-19 and routine vaccines for years to come, significantly enhancing the nation’s immunization resilience and public health preparedness.

Location: National Center for Communicable Diseases

3:30pm – 3:45pm

Transit via hired car to joint Ministry of Health and WHO Representative’s Office in Mongolia

3:45pm – 4:45pm

Meeting with Sodnomyn Chinzorig, Minister of Health and Visit to Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC), Supported by WHO

The delegation will meet with Minister of Health Sodnomyn Chinzorig, and visit Mongolia’s new Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC), which was launched on February 28, 2025 under the Ministry of Health with support from WHO and funded by the World Bank’s Pandemic Fund.

The delegation will learn how the PHEOC serves as a national command hub for coordinating responses to health crises. Built following WHO technical guidance and best practices, the PHEOC operates in three critical modes—Watch, Alert, and Response—enabling systematic early-warning, risk assessment, escalation, and incident management. With its modular design and plans for nationwide training and localization of simulations,

the PHEOC is rapidly becoming a cornerstone of Mongolia’s strategy to enhance preparedness, agility, and resilience against current and future public health emergencies.

Location: Ministry of Health, Olympic Street, SBD - 1 khoroo, Ulaanbaatar 14210

- 4:45pm – 5:00pm Transit via hired car to Shangri-La Hotel
- 5:00pm – 6:20pm Executive Time
- 6:20pm – 6:30pm Transit on foot to Shangri-La Mall (connected to hotel compound)
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm **Working Dinner with UN Foundation**

Location: Mongolian’s Restaurant, 4th Floor, Shangri-La Mall, Olympic Street, Sukhbaatar District, Ulaanbaatar

Overnight Shangri-La Hotel
Olympic Street 19, District-1, Ulaanbaatar 14241, Mongolia

Wednesday, August 27 --- Ulaanbaatar/Travel/Terelj National Park

Attire: Casual.

- 8:30am – 9:00am Breakfast at hotel (*no need to check out*)
- 9:00am – 10:00am Transit via hired car to Chinggis Khaan Equestrian Statue Complex
- 10:00am – 10:45am **Expert Guided Tour of Chinggis Khaan Equestrian Statue and Visit to Chinggis Khaan Museum**

The delegation will receive an expert guided tour of the Chinggis Khaan Equestrian Statue outside of Ulaanbaatar and its importance to the political and cultural goals of the Mongolian people. Standing at 131 feet tall on horseback, the statue was built in 2008 to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Mongol Empire. Designed by sculptor D. Erdenebileg and architect J. Enkhjargal, it is the world’s tallest equestrian statue.

The statue points east toward Chinggis Khaan’s birthplace, marking the legendary site where he is said to have found his golden whip. The statue rests atop a circular, 32-foot-high base with 36 columns symbolizing the great khans, and the complex includes a museum of Bronze Age and Mongol Empire artifacts. As both a powerful emblem of national pride and a popular destination, the statue underscores Mongolia’s deep veneration for its founding father.

Location: Chinggis Khaan Equestrian Statue Complex, 5 khoroo, Nalaikh, Ulaanbaatar 12593

10:45am – 11:30am Transit via hired car to Terelj National Park (Mongol Culture Park)

11:30am – 1:00pm **Naadam Demonstration**

The delegation will attend an abridged Naadam demonstration within Terelj National Park. Inscribed on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list in 2010, Naadam is Mongolia’s largest and most celebrated traditional festival, held every July to mark the anniversary of the Mongolian Revolution of 1921. Often called the “Three Manly Games” festival, Naadam showcases the country’s nomadic heritage through wrestling, horse racing, and archery, which are considered the core sports of Mongolian culture.

The delegation will learn how Naadam is core to Mongolian culture and political identity and the country’s most fundamental cultural celebration of national pride, history, and identity, blending ancient nomadic traditions with modern patriotism.

Location: Mongol Culture Park, Terelj National Park

1:00pm – 1:15pm Transit via hired car to Nomadic Herder Family

1:15pm – 1:45pm **Meeting with Nomadic Herder Family and Discussion on Urban Migration Challenges**

The delegation will meet with a nomadic herder family to learn about Mongolia’s most respected living tradition, which has endured for centuries across the country’s vast steppes and rugged landscapes. The delegation will learn how these families rely on raising livestock—such as sheep, goats, horses, and yaks—for food, income, and cultural identity, moving seasonally in search of fresh pasture and water. Living in portable felt dwellings called gers, they maintain a deep connection to nature and traditional knowledge passed down through generations.

While herding remains a vital part of Mongolia’s rural economy and national identity, the delegation will additionally learn how modern nomadic life faces growing challenges from extreme weather, frequent *dzuds* (harsh winters), land degradation, and urban migration. The Government of Mongolia and the UN are working to address the challenges faced by nomadic Mongolian populations. Nomadic herders are especially vulnerable to harsh climate events like *dzuds*, so UN agencies such as UNDP and FAO are helping implement early warning systems and promote sustainable herding practices. To improve education and health services in remote areas, UNICEF and UNESCO work with the Mongolian government to provide mobile schools, distance learning tools, and mobile clinics. The UN also aids in diversifying income sources for herder families through initiatives in value-added livestock production, eco-tourism, and rural entrepreneurship. Through this conversation the

delegation will learn how the UN plays a vital role in helping Mongolia build a more sustainable and inclusive future for its nomadic communities.

Location: Terelj National Park

1:45pm – 2:30pm Transit to Bugat Tourist Camp via helicopter

2:30pm – 3:30pm **Working Lunch with UN Resident Coordinator’s Office**

The delegation will have a working lunch with the representatives of the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office traveling with the delegation to Terelj National Park.

Location: Bugat Tourist Camp

3:30pm – 6:00pm Executive Time

6:00pm – 8:00pm **Working Dinner with Jaap van Hierden, UN Resident Coordinator in Mongolia**

The delegation will attend a working dinner with Jaap van Hierden, UN Resident Coordinator in Mongolia to discuss how the UN is working to protect Mongolia’s unique cultural heritage by supporting efforts to preserve traditional knowledge, practices, and historical sites that are central to the country’s identity—including efforts to preserve and promote *khöömei* (traditional Mongolian throat singing), which has been recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage.

8:00pm – 9:00pm **Khöömei Demonstration and Discussion on Traditional Mongolian Practices**

Following dinner, the delegation will attend a *khöömei* demonstration and discussion to learn how Mongolian throat singing plays a vital role in the country’s spirituality, storytelling, and culture. *Khöömei* is a unique and ancient vocal tradition in which a singer produces two or more pitches simultaneously, creating an otherworldly, harmonic sound that mimics the natural world.

Practiced mainly in the western regions of Mongolia, especially among herders in Khovd and Bayan-Ölgii, throat singing reflects a deep connection to the land, imitating sounds like wind, flowing rivers, or the call of animals. It is typically passed down through generations, preserving both musical skill and cultural knowledge. *Khöömei* stands as a symbol of national pride and was recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2010.

Through this demonstration and discussion, the delegation will learn how the UN is helping the Government of Mongolia protect and preserve traditional knowledge, practices, and historical understanding, which are fundamental to Mongolian national political and social identity.

Location: Bugat Tourist Camp

Overnight Bugat Tourist Camp
Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, Ulaanbaatar

Thursday, August 28 --- Terelj National Park

Attire: Casual.

7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast

8:00am – 9:00am Executive Time/Check out of hotel

9:00am – 10:00am Depart Bugat via helicopter

10:00am – 11:00am Transit via hired car to Nalaikh District, 2nd Khoroo Clinic

11:00am – 12:00pm **Visit to Nalaikh District, 2nd Khoroo Clinic and Malnutrition Briefing by Evariste Kouassi-Komlan, UNICEF Country Representative and UNICEF Nutrition Officer**

The delegation will visit a small municipal health clinic to observe out-patient treatment for severe acute malnutrition via Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), as well as other vital healthcare efforts.

The delegation will learn how Mongolia faces several pressing nutrition challenges, especially as the country undergoes rapid urbanization and lifestyle changes. Undernutrition remains a concern in rural and herder communities, where access to diverse foods, clean water, and health services is limited. Micronutrient deficiencies, particularly in iron, vitamin A, and iodine, are also widespread, impacting child growth and development. Traditional Mongolian diets, based heavily on meat and dairy, often lack fruits and vegetables, contributing to imbalanced nutrition.

The double burden of malnutrition—where both undernutrition and overnutrition coexist—poses a growing public health risk. In response, the Mongolian government and international partners, including the UN, are working to improve nutrition education, strengthen school meal programs, and promote healthier, more balanced diets across all age groups.

Location: Nalaikh District, 2nd Khoroo Clinic

12:00pm – 12:30pm Transit via hired car to One-Stop Service Center

12:30pm – 1:15pm **Visit to One-Stop Service Center, Supported by UN Population Fund (UNFPA)**

The delegation will visit a One-Stop Service Center (OSSC) and learn about UNFPA’s work across Mongolia establishing fully integrated support hubs for survivors of domestic violence, ensuring they receive essential services in one safe location.

First opened in 2018 in Bayan-Ulgii and Khövsgöl aimags with Swiss and local funding, OSSCs offer shelter, healthcare, legal advice, psychological counseling, and protection assistance under one roof. Today, Mongolia has expanded to 17 centers, including recent additions in Ulaanbaatar’s Chingeltei and Sukhbaatar districts. The delegation will learn how these centers are operated by the Ministry of Justice, Social Protection, and Health, with UNFPA managing financing, capacity-building, and multi-sector coordination.

Location: One-Stop Service Center

1:15pm – 1:45pm Transit to Office of the Secretary-General of the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI)

1:45pm – 2:30pm **Working Lunch with B. Saruul, Secretary-General of the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

The delegation will have a working lunch and discussion with the Secretary-General of the MNCCI to learn how the organization is supporting and promoting the interests of businesses in Mongolia. Established in 1960, the MNCCI plays a key role in fostering economic development by facilitating trade, investment, and cooperation between local and international enterprises. It provides a wide range of services, including business matchmaking, policy advocacy, certification, arbitration, and training programs. As a bridge between the government and the private sector, the MNCCI actively contributes to the creation of a favorable business environment and works to strengthen Mongolia’s presence in the global market.

Location: Office of the Secretary-General of the MNCCI

2:30pm – 3:00pm Transit via hired car to National Maternal and Newborn Center

3:00pm – 4:00pm **Visit to National Maternal and Newborn Center, Supported by UNFPA**

The delegation will visit the National Center for Maternal and Child Health (NCMCH) in Ulaanbaatar—Mongolia’s premier institution

dedicated to improving maternal and newborn care. In 2017, NCMCH’s groundbreaking Telemedicine Project, supported by UNFPA and the Government of Luxembourg, connected provincial hospitals with specialists at NCMCH, enabling real-time obstetric consultations and training that helped reduce maternal mortality by two-thirds.

More recently, in February 2025, UNFPA and the Government of Luxembourg jointly provided advanced tools and practical training for midwives aimed at strengthening reproductive health services nationwide and a sustained commitment to preventable maternal and perinatal mortality elimination.

Location: National Maternal and Newborn Center

4:00pm – 4:30pm	Transit via hired car to Shangri-la Hotel
4:30pm – 6:30pm	Executive Time
6:30pm – 7:00pm	Transit via hired car to Hotel Ayan Zalaat
7:00pm – 9:30pm	Working Dinner Debrief with UN and U.S. Colleagues, Joined by UNICEF Mongolia’s National Ambassadors Munkhtuya Rentsenbat (National Ambassador), Tselmuun Nyamtaishir (Health Ambassador), and Munkhnasan Narmandakh (Education and Child Protection Ambassador)

The delegation will attend a working dinner with UN and U.S. colleagues, as well as three Mongolia UNICEF National Ambassadors, to debrief, share reflections from the week’s programming, and create new opportunities for communication and collaboration between the UN in Mongolia and the U.S. Congress.

Location: Hotel Ayan Zalaat, 11 Khoroo, Ulaanbaatar 13241

9:30pm – 10:00pm	Transit via hired car to Shangri-La Hotel
Overnight	Shangri-La Hotel Olympic Street 19, District-1, Ulaanbaatar 14241, Mongolia

Friday, August 29 --- Ulaanbaatar/Travel/Home

Attire: Casual.

Various departures	Transit via hired car to UBN
8:40am	Rep. Bera departs UBN via Korean Air 5868
9:50am	UNF departs UBN via MIAT Mongolia 137

9:55am Rep. Jackson departs UBN via United 6
10:45am Rep. Case departs UBN via MIAT 303
1:00pm Amb. Braithwaite and Ms. Nauert depart UBN via Delta 7886
1:20pm Rep. Jacobs departs UBN via Asiana Air 568

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: United Nations Foundation
2. Name of your organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation
3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
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 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 7/16/2025

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August 21, 2025

The Honorable Ami Bera
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Mongolia,¹ scheduled for August 22 to 29, 2025, sponsored by the United Nations Foundation and Eleanor Crook Foundation.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



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