

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING



Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

"A Partnership For Human Rights In Our Region"

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia

**24th – 27th September 2001
Colombo, Sri Lanka**

BACKGROUND

The *National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia Act* was adopted by the State Great Hural, the Parliament of Mongolia, on 7 December 2000.

There are three members of the Commission. The Chairperson and two Commissioners were appointed by the State Great Hural in January and February 2001. The Speaker of the State Great Hural nominates names for candidates for Commissioners to the State Great Hural on the basis of one candidate proposed by the President, one by the Parliament and one by the Supreme Court.

The Mongolian Commission has now applied for membership to the Forum. The application form follows the procedure established at the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions (attached).

ANALYSIS

Membership of the Forum is premised on a national institution complying with the UN General Assembly endorsed *Principles relating to the Status of National Institutions* (more commonly known as the 'Paris Principles' - attached).

In determining the compliance of the Mongolian Commission with the Paris Principles, the Mongolian Commission has submitted the following information:

- The accreditation checklist
- A translated copy of the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia Act
- An information note on the Commission.

This information is attached to this paper.

A review of this material by the Forum Secretariat indicates that the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia is compliant with the Paris Principles and therefore eligible for membership of the Forum.

RECOMMENDATION

In the opinion of the Forum Secretariat the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia complies with the Paris Principles.

It is therefore recommended that Forum members at the 6th Annual Meeting of the Forum:

- Provide 'in principle' approval for the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia to become a full member of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions following the incorporation of the Forum and subject to the admission process as set out in rule 11.1 of the Forum's constitution.