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Your Excellency,

Letter of Support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

I am writing to express support to the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists on behalf of the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS).

LEGS is a set of international standards and guidance to support livestock keepers affected by crisis (www.livestock-emergency.net), including pastoralists and agro-pastoralists. LEGS was started 20 years ago in recognition of the importance of livestock in many millions of people's livelihoods around the world, including pastoralists and agro-pastoralists, and the need to improve the quality and appropriateness of disaster response in their communities.

The LEGS Handbook provides participatory tools and technical guidance based on good practice from around the world drawn from practitioners and policy makers through a consultative process. The guidance supports the development of appropriate and timely responses to the crises that affect pastoralists and other livestock keepers, including drought, floods, extreme winters conditions, typhoons, as well as conflict and other man-made crises. The global LEGS training programme is based on over 500 local trainers in 55 countries.

As you may already be aware, in 2023 the Mongolian Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MOFALI) agreed to become the official LEGS Institutional Focal Point in Mongolia.

We are delighted to be joining the Global Alliance for Rangelands and Pastoralists this year, in order to celebrate and raise awareness about the contribution and challenges of pastoralists. We hope to promote the IYRP during the year through our communications channels.

Yours faithfully

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