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His Excellency Zagdjav Mendsaikhan
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Excellency:

Thank you for your letter following up on the proposal for a United Nations International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists. I applaud Mongolia's leadership on this issue.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, Canada recognizes the relationship between rangelands and pastoralists and the achievement of several Sustainable Development Goals. We also recognize the critical nature of Rangeland ecosystems, for both their cultural and economic value and their role in carbon sequestration.

Canada is pleased to see that your proposal was endorsed by the Committee on Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), where this proposal, as well as FAO's work on rangelands and pastoralism, was discussed in detail. Canada looks forward to this proposal being submitted for consideration of the FAO Council at its 165th Session in December 2020 and for adoption by the FAO Conference at its 42nd Session in 2021.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, PC, MP