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**Secretariat of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) of the
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Rome, Italy

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Subject: Support to the request from the Government of the Mongolia for
an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists**

I have the honour to write in support of the request of the Government of Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP). Rangelands and pastoralists play a very important role in the economy, production, preserving natural resources and biodiversity in the I.R. of Iran. Total area of Iran's rangelands is about 84.8 million ha, which support livelihood of 1.2 million of pastoral nomads in Iran.

We recognize that the designation of an IYRP provides a unique opportunity to work both nationally, regionally and globally towards sustainable pastoralism and rangelands, combating desertification, land degradation and drought, contributing for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Considering the above mentioned, I have the honour to communicate that the Government of the I.R. of Iran strongly supports the Government of Mongolia in its call for an IYRP.

Faithfully yours,

Mohammad Hossein Emadi

Ambassador, Permanent Representative

