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Dear

**RE: SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FROM MONGOLIA
GOVERNMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS (IYRP)**

The Kenyan government wishes to give its sincere support to your esteemed office of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nation to the bidding request by the Mongolian Government for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2020.

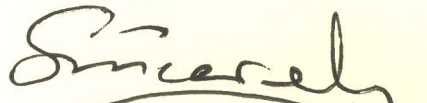
We believe the designation of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralist will provide an opportunity to raise the profile of rangelands and pastoralists both globally and nationally for food security, environmental services and call for the attention for need of sustainable management and enlightened policies.

Kenyan rangeland constitutes about 80 percent of the total land mass, support over 10 million people livelihoods and 70 percent of livestock occupy these Arid and Semi- Arid lands. These lands are challenged by land fragmentation, invasive species, poaching, overgrazing, degradation coupled with negative climate variability leading to persistent and

recurrent droughts. The Kenyan government has put in place several policies and strategies to reduce pastoral poverty and maintain the ecosystem integrity of the rangeland.

With this in mind we wish to endorse our support to the Mongolian Government bidding request for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, and will undertake any resources mobilizations to realize the goals and objective of the designated year of Rangeland and Pastoralists.

Yours



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Note Attached

Concept Note, Kenyan 2017 bidding folio and UN resolutions for reference and further action