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Dear Mr José Graziano da Silva,

**Re: Supporting the request from the Government of the Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists**

The Government of Ethiopia presents its sincere greetings to you and your esteemed office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The Government of Ethiopia, hereby represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Resources has the honour of writing in support of the request of the Government of Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

We believe that the designation of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists would provide an opportunity to raise the profile and support for rangelands and pastoral issues globally and nationally, improve understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by rangelands and pastoralists, and direct increased attention and resources to them.

Ethiopia is a country with 60 per cent of the land arid and semi-arid. This is the area where pastoral production system strives under the challenges of rangeland degradation, invasion by weeds, drought, animal disease, water shortage and conflict. The pastoral system is the source of most livestock for both domestic market and export of meat and live animals, and is the area endowed with huge animal and plant biodiversity. Rangeland and pastoral development is one of the priorities of Ethiopian Government to ensure equitable and sustainable growth and development in the area.

With this in mind, please accept our support for the request of the Government of Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists: our Government is prepared to work with the Mongolian Government to develop a full proposal and action plan for the Year, and to identify appropriate funding sources.

Yours sincerely,

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