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Letter of support to the designation of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

Dear Mr Mendsaikhan Zagdjav,

Hereby, the Hans Ruthenberg Institute (Institute of Agricultural Sciences in the Tropics) of the University of Hohenheim would like to express its endorsement for the designation of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

The Hans Ruthenberg Institute has with 10 professors and more than 100 scientists the broadest capacity in the field of tropical agriculture throughout Germany. Through interdisciplinary approaches in all essential fields of tropical agricultural issues, i.e. agroecology, crop and animal sciences, agricultural economics and social sciences as well as agricultural engineering the Hans Ruthenberg Institute is tackling global challenges in our changing environment.

Several projects of the Hans Ruthenberg Institute are focusing on rangelands, pastoral agroecosystems and sustainable extensive animal production. The different research groups of the Hans Ruthenberg Institute have profound empirical and theoretical knowledge contributing to research and education as well as to practical innovative approaches throughout the world.

Therefore, the Hans Ruthenberg Institute supports the initiative of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists proposed by the Mongolian government and hopes for the realization of this idea to foster the global awareness of the importance of rangelands and pastoralists.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Georg Cadisch