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The Honourable MendsaikhanZagdjav
The Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia
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Subject: Designation of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)

Your Excellency,

LIFE Network [Local Livestock For Empowerment] presents its sincere greetings to you! We are glad to learn that the resolution proposal submitted by Government of Mongolia with other countries in support of the designation of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) is included in the agenda of the 27th session of Committee on Agriculture (COAG) in September-October, 2020.

India, in recent decades, has lost many a grassland by converting them into plantations (of alien species) or converting common resource lands (grasslands or Orans or Korangadu) that were traditionally used for animal grazing. This resulted in loss of agro-biodiversity, depletion of ground water, local livelihoods and further led to climate change.

LIFE Network [<https://groups.google.com/g/life-egroup>] is a network of NGOs and individuals concerned about local livestock breeds/populations, and about the people who manage & breed them and also rely on them for their livelihood. Engaged in issues of Pastoralists and Pastoralism, it's activities include documentation of breeds, traditional knowledge, and promoting Livestock Keepers' Rights.

We earnestly support for the request of the Government of Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

With this opportunity we like to express our consent and commitment to work and support for conserving pastoralism and rangelands still more aggressively and expressively during the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists. We pledge.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anu Kahl - Rohys', written over a light blue horizontal line.

For LIFE Network, India