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**Subject: Support to the request from the Government of the Mongolia for
IYRP**

As the follow up of the supportive letter of the Government of I.R.Iran to officially support Government of Mongolia's call for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP), Iranian Society for Range Management (IRSRM) as a scientific, Non For Profit and Non Governmental Organization with a total number of members 252 Comprising from University lecturers, Researchers, Development experts and pastoralists of Iran, has the honour to express its full support of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

Worth to mention that SRM as an environmental NGO has been active in raising awareness of the community about the benefits of the environment and rangelands in specific. In addition to previous 7 scientific conferences and the 8th one to be held in May 2021, members of the society have been involved with many issues in connection with rangelands and pastoralism from local level with grassroots to national level with authorities in decision / policy making. SRM understands that even though pastoralists who depend on rangelands provide valuable benefits to the community but they are marginalized and they have no voice so International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists can be a platform to give voice to them and get their rights back.

Iranian SRM will be with the pastoralists for ever and IYRP will be an incentive for more effective work for the benefits of rangelands and pastoralists. It will be great if other countries and communities especially those have pastoralists dependant on rangelands support the call as well.

Yours sincerely,

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