



Secretariat of the Committee on Agriculture  
(COAG) of the Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the United Nations  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla  
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**Subject: Support to the request from the Government of Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists**

Dear Madams/Sirs,

The League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock Development (LPP) presents its sincere greetings to you and your office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. LPP writes to express its support of the request of the Government of Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

Rangelands and migration routes that pastoralists have managed over millennia, support protection of threatened species and habitats and maintain areas of importance for ecological connectivity, ensuring ecological integrity of landscapes and supporting critical ecosystem functions such as carbon storage. Mobility feature of pastoralism also has direct benefits for water cycle regulation, requires the least fossil fuel energy, and reduces incidence of pollution and reliance on veterinary products.

We believe that there is urgent need for global action to conserve rangelands and traditional pastoral practices. In this spirit, designation of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists would provide an opportunity to raise the profile and support for rangelands and pastoral issues both globally and nationally, helping to improve understanding of challenges and opportunities faced by rangelands and pastoralists, and to direct increased attention and resources to this traditional cultural practice that benefits biodiversity.

With this in mind, please accept our support to the request of the Government of Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christiane Herweg', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Christiane Herweg  
President of LPP