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Subject: Designation of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)

Your Excellency,

Palestinian Livestock Development Centre \ In Tubas City- Palestine PLDC presents its sincere greetings to you. We are glad to learn that the resolution proposal submitted by Government of Mongolia with other supporting 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.

Bedouin and herder communities are among the poorest and most marginalized populations in our country (Occupied Palestine). In the West Bank, an estimated 30,000 Bedouins live in 183 communities in Area C, 1 under complete Israeli control, and with many under a constant threat of forcible transfer due to what the UN defines a coercive environment created by the Israeli military occupation. However, the livestock sector makes a substantial contribution to the Palestinian economy: The value added by the agricultural sector in Palestine for the year 2012 was USD 322.6 million, about 5.9% of GDP. In addition to the above, These rangelands have been exposed to severe overgrazing for a long period of time, which has led to disappearance of many palatable plant species and eventually in soil erosion. All this and more reasons, leads us to support this important initiative for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

Thus with this opportunity we would like express our commitment to continue our work and allocate funds for conserving pastoralism and rangelands before and during the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

Yours sincerely,

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