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

Your excellence,

The Arab Network of Pastoral Communities 'Pasto-Arabic' 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.

As the Arab Network of Pastoral Communities it is our mission to reveal, document and develop traditional knowledge in the Arab Region in order to invest in the development of pastoral groups and strengthen their capacities for effective participation in the rehabilitation and improvement of sustainable management of pasture lands.

Accordingly we have permanent communication groups, we hold periodic meetings to expand the base for strengthening the Arab network of pastoral communities; we actively participate in international forums, we maintain close contacts with the Arab intergovernmental organization, our member organizations participate in pastoral development projects, in publications, our objectives are strengthen the Arab network of pastoral communities to effectively influence policies at the local, national and international levels; and to highlight the role of traditional pastoralist systems and their impacts on socio-cultural, economic and environmental life.

In line with our mission and goals, we strongly believe that the designation of an International Year of Pathways and Pastors would provide an opportunity to raise the profile and support for pathways and pastoral issues globally and nationally, to improve understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing rangelands and pastoralists, and give them increased attention and resources.

So, with this opportunity, we would like to express our commitment to continue our work and allocate funds for pastoralism and rangelands conservation before and during the International Year of Rangelands and Pastors.

Yours sincerely,

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