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To

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Re: Support to the request from the Government of the Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Arab Network of Pastoral Communities ‘‘Pasto-Arabic’’ presents its sincere greetings to you and your esteemed office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Arab Network of Pastoral Communities ‘‘Pasto-Arabic’’, has the honour of writing in support of the request of the Government of Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

We believe that the designation of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists would provide an opportunity to raise the profile and support for rangelands and pastoral issues globally and nationally, improve understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by rangelands and pastoralists, and direct increased attention and resources to them.

In the Arab countries, pasture land is estimated at 371 million ha (2017); Livestock numbers in 2015 are approximately (352.4) million heads of cattle, buffaloes, sheep, goats and camels; about 80% of these livestock are raised on natural pastures; Pastoralists are either nomadic depending on the quality and quantity of grazing and water, the regular transhumant from one place to another depending on the season.

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

Yours sincerely,

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