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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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Dear Sirs/Madams,

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

Redes Chaco and our Latin American Alliance "Pastoraméricas" support the declaration of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

Our organizations expect to contribute to the future IYRP activities by supporting a great media campaign showing the contribution of Pastoralism to national economies, environmental services and well-living of thousands of families at local communities.

We will promote dialogue roundtables with policy makers to propose policies on support of pastoralism and rangelands management. We will work with the technical staff of national institutions to promote good practices in all our farms. All these experiences will be shared among all our partners.

We will participate in any local, regional, or global events on rangelands and pastoralism to promote actions supporting our lifestyle and the landscape that support our animals. As a member of GASL (<http://www.livestockdialogue.org/>), Redes Chaco promotes the inclusion of the demands, proposals and contribution of pastoralism in global events.

We are carrying out an evaluation of GHG emissions in pastoral systems to have real evidence about it and to identify improvements for our production systems. More information available at <http://www.fao.org/partnerships/leap/news-and-events/news/detail/en/c/1263704/>

During 2018 and 2019 we made a survey about the socioeconomic contribution of pastoralism in Argentina with valuable results that drive policy makers to take our production systems into account more seriously. The same project was carried on in Mongolia and Tchad. More information available at: <http://www.fao.org/pastoralist-knowledge-hub/news/detail/en/c/1272305/>

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