Secretariat of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla 00153 Rome, Italy Email: <u>fao-hq@fao.org</u>

Dear Sirs/Madams,

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

PASTORAMÉRICAS presents its sincere greetings to you and your esteemed office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

PASTORAMÉRICAS, 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.

Our lifestyles are based on mobility. This means the development of very specific policies and support programs in terms of land tenure, basic services, animal health and capacity building. We do believe that the Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists will be useful to move forward with our demands to maintain and enhance our livelihood

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

on behalf of the Interim Steering Committee, Your sincerely



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