SUSTAINBALE CASHMERE UNION. MONGOLIA - Letter of Support IYRP -

Sustainable Cashmere Union (the Union) supports Mongolian Government's call upon the United Nations to designate the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists at the 2020 meeting of the Committee on Agriculture. Pastoralism is a critical pillar for food security, economic development and sustainable natural resources management in fragile and harsh environments. We believe that pastoralism is widely valued and misunderstood despite its significant capacity to contribute to tackling global challenges such as poverty alleviation, right to food for all, or climate changes. IYRP would offer well-deserved recognition and increased awareness of pastoralism contribution to SDG.

Sustainable Cashmere Union is a Mongolian association, informally active since 2014 and officially established in 2017. The Union currently act as an umbrella organization providing certified Mongolian Sustainable Cashmere Cooperatives with a range of services such as market linkages provision and commercialization support for livestock products, provision of technical assistance for pastoral resources participatory management and improved herding practices, as well as provision of socio-economic services (*e.g.* medical diagnosis). The Union ultimately aims at sustaining Mongolian traditional pastoralism and way of life that are so important for food security, sustainable livelihoods, environmental health and Mongolian identity.

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