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Subject: Follow-up Commitment Letter to Support the IYRP

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With our highest compliments,

Dear Dr Ulaan Chultem

The Union of Indigenous Nomadic Tribes of Iran (**UNINOMAD**) www.uninomad.org would like to renew and presents its sincere greetings to you and your esteemed office of the Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia.

We would like to highlight again the crucial and vital role of the IYRP to support the pastoral communities and their organizations at tribe, tribal confederacy, national and international levels. We believe that strong commitments of all right-holders and stakeholders of IYRP and its plans and common perspectives will lead to a reliable solidarity and alliance to conserve the precious bio-cultural diversity of these communities and their vital role in conservation of nature and meet sustainable development goals.

As we mentioned in our previous letter, The Union of Indigenous Nomadic Tribes of Iran (UNINOMAD) is a tribal federation and an effective national platform which its members are various registered '**Council of Elders, Sustainable Livelihood Funds of Nomadic Pastoralists**' at sub-tribe, tribe and tribal confederacies of Iran. The member of this Union have shown that with the regular and effective participation of their representatives in meetings, conferences and workshops at various levels, they are able to contribute to sustainable natural resource management through their own effective and strong customary institutions. Therefore we expect that the IYRP will assure to make an enabling environment for:

- **Influencing policies and programs for recognition** of pastoralists customary governance systems and organizations and strengthening their vital role in conservation of their bio-cultural diversity, prevent fragmentation of their territories and advocate their rights over their natural resources, and promote their contribution to food security and food sovereignty at local, national and international levels via effective policies and practices in result of IYRP;

- **Investing** for strengthening the economic and ecological potential and resilience systems of pastoralists, (i.e. seasonal migrations) as valid strategies to cope with climate change **(SDG13)**; conserve their lands and its flora and fauna **(SDG15)**; protect their indigenous food and livelihood systems to contribute to food security and sustainable livelihood systems **(SDG2 & 1 & 8)**; enhance the partnership and cooperation with pastoral organizations **(SDG17)**;
- **Developing** unique centers/ universities that blends traditional knowledge with innovation and technology focusing on socio-cultural values **(SDG4)** (i.e. pastoralists to train community youth (girls & boys) to sustain their lifestyle), **(SDG10)**;
- **Providing** necessary mobile wellbeing services **(SDG3)** such as veterinary, medical, health and education that match the needs of the community and enables indigenous youth to stay in their communities and seek job opportunities.

Right now, UNINOMAD members have various UNDP/GEF/SGP projects in Iran, for strengthening their customary organizational structure and capacity building of its members at national level for a higher policy influence and practice for highlighting their role in governance of their territories and its resources toward sustainable land management and recognition of Indigenous **Community Conserved Areas and Territories (ICCAs)**. For sure all members of the UNION are committed to meet their mandate and mission on the above mentioned responsibilities as we agreed in our by-laws.

UNINOMAD, renew its highest respect and esteem to the respective organizers of the IYRP in particular to the respective Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia.

Yours Sincerely,
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Chair of the Board



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