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November 10, 2023

H.E. Mr. Mendsaikhan Zagdjav

Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia (MoFALI)

13381 Governmental building 9th, Peace avenue 16a,

Bayanzurkh district, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Subject: Letter of Commitment/Support for International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026

Dear, H.E. Mr. Mendsaikhan Zagdjav

I am writing to express our enthusiastic commitment and support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026. As a representative of Kamuthe Community Wildlife Conservancy, a dynamic community-based organization located in North Eastern Kenya, we are eager to contribute actively to the objectives and goals of this significant initiative.

Kamuthe Community Wildlife Conservancy is deeply rooted in its commitment to indigenous people and local community-led conservation efforts. Our organization has successfully implemented an integrated model that combines pastoralism, farming, wildlife and forest sustainable conservation, sustainable land management, and the preservation and dissemination of indigenous knowledge and culture. We firmly believe

that these practices are crucial not only for the well-being of our community but also for the broader environmental and ecological health.

Our diverse range of activities includes livelihood projects, sustainable conservation initiatives, land ownership and rights advocacy, capacity building on pastoralism and climate change, peace and security efforts, and women and youth empowerment programs. Furthermore, we are actively engaged in promoting sustainable rangeland management practices that align with the goals of IYRP 2026.

By participating in IYRP 2026, Kamuthe Community Wildlife Conservancy aims to showcase our successful initiatives, share our experiences, and collaborate with other like-minded organizations and communities. We believe that through collective efforts, we can amplify the impact of our work and contribute to the global discourse on sustainable pastoralism and rangeland management.

In support of IYRP 2026, Kamuthe Community Wildlife Conservancy is committed to organizing and participating in relevant events, workshops, and awareness campaigns. We will actively contribute to the discussions on the importance of rangelands and pastoralism, sharing our best practices and learning from others.

We look forward to collaborating with your esteemed organization and other partners to make IYRP 2026 a transformative and impactful year for rangeland and pastoralist communities worldwide.

Thank you for considering our commitment, and we anticipate a fruitful collaboration for the success of IYRP 2026.

Singerely, Khalif Sheikh Mohamud

Executive Director

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