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TO THE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURAL SECRETARIAT
(COAG) OF THE
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS (FAO)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry on the behalf of Government of Mongolia, for the purpose of preserving nomadic herder's lifestyle and culture and enhancing public awareness of the value of natural rangelands is currently wishing to have the United Nations General Assembly declare an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

The Government of Mongolia, with extensive collaboration from international organizations, NGO's, academia and herder's communities, has developed the proposal for International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

On the behalf of Government of Mongolia, I hereby extend to you the warmest greetings and delivering to the Committee on Agricultural (COAG) Secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the proposal for International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists for your consideration and support.

We hope that under your valuable support and coordination, the abovementioned proposal will have discussed and agreed at the COAG Meeting and subsequently will be approved by United Nation's General Assembly.

The proposal and support letters hereto attached:

- The draft proposal of Government of Mongolia for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists;
- Support letters received so far from international and national organizations to the Mongolian government proposal on IYRP;
- The support signature of 264 herders, representing all herder's communities and households from 11 provinces of Mongolia for declaring the IYRP

Yours Sincerely,

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