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Subject: Letter of Support and Commitment for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026

Dear H.E. Mr. Bolorchuluun Khayangaa,

The Coalition of Pastoralist Civil Society Organisations (COPACSO) extends its sincere greetings to you and your esteemed office. COPACSO is a national coalition advocating for the rights and sustainable livelihoods of pastoralist communities in Uganda. We write to express our strong support and commitment for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026.

The IYRP 2026 is a significant initiative that provides COPACSO and its members with a valuable platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and collective action to advance shared goals. These include the sustainable management of rangelands, protection of pastoralist rights, and the development of inclusive policies addressing climate change, land tenure, and natural resource management.

We firmly believe in the urgent need for global action to conserve rangelands and promote traditional pastoral practices. In alignment with the goals of the IYRP 2026, COPACSO is committed to undertaking the following activities in Uganda and East Africa:

1. Facilitating the review of Uganda's draft rangeland management policy.
2. Establishing the Uganda Rangeland and Pastoralist Platform.
3. Supporting the Pastoralist and Indigenous Foods Week.
4. Reviewing the natural resource and policy situation in Karamoja.
5. Co-organizing the East Africa Pastoralist Summit.

With these efforts in mind, we extend our full support to the Government of Mongolia in championing the IYRP 2026. We are confident that this initiative will foster a global commitment to the preservation of rangelands and the empowerment of pastoralist communities worldwide.

Please accept our assurances of collaboration and solidarity in this vital endeavor.

Yours faithfully,

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