

Ville-d'Avray, 2 April 2025

H.E. Mr. Jadamba ENKHBAYAR
Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia (MoFALI)
13381 Governmental Building 9th, Peace Avenue 16a,
Bayanzurkh district, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Objet : Letter of Support for the IYRP

Dear H.E. Mr. Jadamba ENKHBAYAR,

We are a Baroque music ensemble affiliated with the Château de Versailles, and very pleased to offer our support to the « International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, 2026 » which was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 15 March 2022.

We are initiating an "agri-cultural" approach to raise awareness of pastoralism among the general public. This will take the form of a series of concert-debates, where, building on the cultural heritage provided by music, we will foster discussions on the modernity of the professions of farmer and shepherd, while addressing their future challenges. Additionally, a series of educational workshops, blending artistic education and education on pastoralism ("a shepherd in my school"), is also planned.

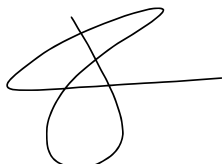
We are working on the musical content: shepherds' and shepherdesses' songs, brunettes, pastorals, which we will combine with calls from herders and traditional songs (in regional languages). We are also exploring the pastoral instrumentarium (musettes, zampogna, clarines, cowbells...) to create a dialogue between scholarly and folk repertoires.

The French Minister of Agriculture has granted us her high patronage, and our initiative has sparked the interest of the European Commissioner for Agriculture and UNESCO.

We would be very pleased to become an official partner of the IYRP and to participate in your work, programming and official events.

Sincerely,

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