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Dear Sir,

SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS (IYRP 2026)

The Pastoralist Peoples Initiative (PPI), working directly with pastoralist communities in Northern Kenya, welcomes and expresses our enthusiastic support for the United Nations' designation of 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP 2026). This is an exceptionally timely event, especially in the wake of climate change and changing global perspectives on pastoralism. We are deeply grateful for the recognition of the vital role that rangelands and pastoralist peoples play in our world.

Further, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Government of Mongolia for their leadership and advocacy in bringing IYRP 2026 to fruition. Your commitment to highlighting the importance of pastoralist systems is commendable and provides a strong foundation for global action.

a) Importance of IYRP to PPI and Pastoralist Communities of Northern Kenya

For PPI and the pastoralist communities we serve in Northern Kenya, IYRP 2026 represents a critical opportunity to amplify our voices and address the pressing challenges facing our livelihoods. Northern Kenya's rangelands are the backbone of our communities, supporting our livestock, culture, and traditions. However, we are facing increasing pressures from climate change, land degradation, resource conflicts, and marginalization. IYRP 2026 provides a platform to:

- Raise awareness of the unique knowledge and sustainable practices of pastoralist communities.
- Advocate for policies that recognize and protect our land rights and resource access.
- Promote climate-resilient pastoralism and sustainable rangeland management.
- Foster dialogue and collaboration between pastoralists, governments, and other stakeholders.
- Empower pastoralist women and youth to participate in decision-making processes.

b) Types of Activities PPI Could Carry Out or Participate In:

PPI is committed to actively engaging in IYRP 2026 through the following activities:

- **Community-Based Consultations:** Use our annual Rendille Food and Cultural festival to gather Northern Kenya's pastoralists insights and priorities for IYRP 2026.
- **Documentation and Knowledge Sharing:** Document and share traditional knowledge and best practices for sustainable rangeland management through multimedia platforms.
- **Advocacy and Policy Dialogue:** Conduct advocacy campaigns to influence national and regional policies related to pastoralism and rangeland management.
- **Rangeland Restoration Initiatives:** Support community-led rangeland restoration projects.
- **Participate in National and International IYRP events.**

c) Indicative Financing and Funding Strategy

PPI will leverage its existing networks and partnerships to secure funding for IYRP 2026 activities. We are confident that IYRP 2026 will be a transformative year for pastoralist communities worldwide. We look forward to collaborating with the IYRP 2026 Secretariat and other partners to ensure its success.

Sincerely,



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