



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The Director-General

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 18 July 2018, proposing the proclamation of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

I would like to congratulate the Government of Mongolia for this initiative. There is no doubt that the livestock sector contributes to the welfare of rural people and that the promotion of sustainable pastoralism is of the utmost importance. As your Excellency is aware, the United Nations (UN) International Years are declared by the United Nations General Assembly upon recommendation of a UN Agency.

Proposals for International Years need to be presented at the relevant technical committee, which in this case is the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), for discussion and subsequent submission to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Council. If approved by the Council, the proposal would then be submitted to the FAO Conference for endorsement. Thereafter, the FAO Director-General would submit the request to the UN Secretary-General for deliberation at the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Upon proclamation by the UN, the designated agency would be mandated to facilitate the implementation of the International Year in collaboration with member countries and other relevant stakeholders, including research institutes, academia, civil society and the private sector.

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Please find attached, for your ease of reference, the policy of the UN and FAO, regarding the proclamation of International Years.

The Organization would be pleased to provide any further information you may require on the subject.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.



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