

**27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture – written correspondence procedure**

**Item 4.4: Proposal for an International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralists**

**Secretariat response to written questions from the Committee**

1. The Secretariat appreciates the acknowledgment of Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, European Union, Mexico, Peru, Philippines and Thailand of the important role of rangelands and pastoralism in the achievement of several SDGs, their recognition of FAO's related work and the need to mainstream them in FAO's programmes, as well as their support for the proposal of the Government of Mongolia for the observance of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) in 2026 and the submission of the related Draft Resolution to the FAO Council for further consideration.
2. The Secretariat appreciates and takes note of the comments of the European Union and its Member States regarding the inclusion in future proposals of a comprehensive assessment of the proposal against the criteria adopted by UN ECOSOC and the 38<sup>th</sup> FAO Conference for the proclamation of International Years.