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To: Ms. Monique Barbut
Executive Secretary
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Dear Ms. Monique Barbut,

On behalf of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia I would like to present the compliments to the Secretariat of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and express our appreciation for existing co-operation in the field of land resources protection.

As you might be aware, after the adoption of the SDGs in 2015, Government of Georgia took an initiative to contribute to sustainable development through nationalization of the Goals and undertook active measures to adjust SDG agenda and its targets to the national circumstances and to advance their implementation.

The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia plays a leading role in achieving several targets under the SDGs 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and cooperates closely with other relevant stakeholders in the process. Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) by 2030 is one of such priorities for Georgia.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) with the support of the Global Mechanism (GM) has established a global programme to support National Voluntary Target Setting (TSP) for LDN. Georgia has joined this programme and gone through all steps defined by LDN TSP.

The National Working Group established within LDN Target Support Programme identifies the following national voluntary targets for 2030:

1. Integrate LDN principles into national policies, legislation, strategies and planning documents;
2. About 1500 ha of degraded forests will be afforested, about 7500 ha will be reforested and 60% of forests will be managed sustainably;

3. Protected areas coverage will be increased up to 12 %;
4. Degraded land will be rehabilitated;
5. Irrigation and drainage system will be improved.

We are looking forward to our future cooperation in successful implementation of the SDGs.
Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

First Deputy Minister



Solomon Pavliashvili