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High level note on LDN targets in the Kyrgyz Republic

The Kyrgyz Republic fully supports the initiative of the UNCCD and the Global Mechanism on aiming to achieve land degradation neutrality on the global scale by 2030. Our country, located in the mountainous region, has limited land resources suitable for agriculture. However, two thirds of our population lives in the rural areas and, thus, highly depends on land-based livelihoods. Therefore, we, at the Kyrgyz Republic recognize the urgency and significance of the land degradation issues.

Land degradation is one of the priority targets for our Government and was reflected in the National Sustainable Development Strategy. Currently, there are several projects and initiatives related to land degradation working in the country. One of such projects is the Land Degradation Target Setting Program that is implemented with support from the UNCCD Secretariat, Global Mechanism, UNDP and other international development partners.

In line with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 15.3, which states: "By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world" we decided to set the following voluntary targets on Land Degradation Neutrality in the Kyrgyz Republic:

1. Improve environmental condition of pastures through introduction of pasture rotation system in, at least, 40 village districts (ayil aimaks);
2. Better access to 10,000 Ha of pastures via improved pasture infrastructure (bridges/roads, water points);
3. Sustainable land management practices are adopted on 100,000 Ha of land area (including both pastures and forests);
4. Land improvement works are conducted on 10,000 Ha.

We firmly believe that these voluntary national targets on LDN which were developed on the basis of analysis of the national circumstances and context will help us to reduce the losses from the land degradation and make our lands more resilient and sustainable.

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