Dear Sir/ Madam,

On behalf of the Government of Mongolia, I would like to thank you for initiating the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), which is dedicated to improving the income and food security of poor people in developing countries. I would also like to thank you for selecting Mongolia as a country eligible to submit a proposal.

Based on the feedback the Government of Mongolia received from the Interim Technical Advisory Committee of GAFSP we are pleased to re-submit a revised proposal through Mongolia’s Ministry of Finance. The proposal encompasses four inter-related components, which together are designed to achieve the Programme Development Objectives through coherence and complementarities. The four programme components are:

1. Linking farmers to markets
2. Raising livestock productivity and quality
3. Diversifying and processing to enhance household food security
4. Technical assistance: strengthening donor coordination

During the dzud, the severe winter storm that struck during the winter of 2009 and the spring of 2010, 20 percent of Mongolia’s herders lost more than 50 percent of their livestock, making them even more vulnerable. The overall objective of the programme, therefore, is “to reduce rural poverty and household food insecurity on a sustainable basis in livestock-based farming systems”.

I believe that the implementation of this integrated programme proposal will significantly contribute to enhancing food security through better access to domestic and regional markets, improved food marketing and processing as well the creation of employment opportunities.

I would like to request your kind support to approve this integrated programme considering its importance to Mongolia’s vulnerable rural populations.

Sincerely yours,

MINISTER T.BADAMJUNAI