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2012 conference. I would like to continue working in the next round of the Executive Council in order to strengthen ISOCARD and increase links with regional and international organizations interested in animal production in areas where camels are raised.

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