## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE) AND THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL HYGIENE (ISAH)

Considering that, as a global organisation in charge of animal health, the main objectives of the OIE, within its mandate, are to:

- Inform governments of the occurrence and evolution of animal diseases in the world and of ways to control these diseases;
- Coordinate international studies on the monitoring and control of animal diseases;
- Harmonise regulations governing trade in animals and animal-derived products by developing international health standards that are recognised by the World Trade Organization and are applicable in all Member Countries;
- And promote international solidarity in the field of animal health,

And considering that the OIE has become, at the request of its Member Countries, the leading international organization for animal welfare,

Considering that ISAH is an association of veterinarians and scientists working in the field of animal health and welfare, animal husbandry, safety of food of animal origin, environmental protection in relation to sustainable animal production,

The OIE and ISAH have agreed to collaborate on issues of common interest, namely:

- To develop dialogue and identify areas of common interest;
- To contribute to improve relationships between veterinarians and scientists regarding animal health and welfare, and animal production food safety;
- To facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas;

The undersigned commit their respective organizations to the pursuit of these objectives through the following actions:

- (1) The OIE will invite the ISAH to participate as an observer in consultations and international conferences that are organized to address areas of common interest;
- (2) The ISAH will invite the OIE to participate in similar meetings and conferences concerning areas of common interest;

(3) If necessary and whenever required by circumstances, the ISAH and the OIE will exchange their point of view on all issues of common interest.

The aforementioned parties will sign this agreement in two copies; one copy will be retained by the OIE and the other by the ISAH.

The present agreement will enter into force upon signature by both parties.

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