DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 12

Revision of the WOAH Basic Texts

CONSIDERING


2. The insights and discussions from the Forum titled "Is WOAH ready for the future?" held during the 91st General Session, which explored future scenarios and their implications for WOAH's governance structures and processes, emphasizing the need for agility, resilience, and future-readiness in the revision of the Basic Texts.

3. That any revisions to the WOAH Basic Texts will not apply retroactively.

THE ASSEMBLY, ON A PROPOSAL BY THE COUNCIL

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. WOAH Members recognise the importance of a robust legal framework and the need to revise its Basic Texts to secure the organisation’s ability to deliver its mandate efficiently, effectively, and sustainably into the future.

2. WOAH Members recognise the ‘Report on the analysis and evaluation of the legal framework and the institutional, technical and financial governance of the World Organisation for Animal Health’ including the recommendations as the basis for further work to revise the Basic Texts.

DECIDES THAT

1. The Director General establish a dedicated group on governance to carry out further work to revise the WOAH Basic Texts.

2. The Director General, in collaboration with the Council, develop Terms of Reference to provide the structure, composition, and modalities of work for the dedicated group. The group will be inclusive of the Membership with representatives from each region. The membership of the group will be approved by Council.

3. The Director General secure the necessary funds for the work of the dedicated group from within existing budgets and contribution mechanisms.

4. Following the validation of its outputs by the Council, the dedicated group on governance report to the 2025 General Session of the Assembly with the objective of providing a holistic work programme of multi-year activities and any initial recommendations (as appropriate) to support revisions to the Basic Texts.