

Revision of the WOA Basic Texts

CONSIDERING

1. The document 91GS Admin-13 introduces the external and independent review of the WOA Basic Texts titled 'Report on the analysis and evaluation of the legal framework and the institutional, technical and financial governance of the World Organisation for Animal Health'. The document includes input from Council, elected bodies, and selected delegates.
2. That any revisions to the WOA Basic Texts will not apply retroactively.

THE ASSEMBLY, ON A PROPOSAL BY THE COUNCIL

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. WOA 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. WOA 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 WOA 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.
