

“Thank you and congratulations on the progress done.

The World Veterinary Association acknowledges the inclusion in the draft treaty of the *One Health* definition, welcoming the terms defined in the amended International Health Regulations. This is essential for effective pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.

The treaty should incorporate a complete definition to provide clear guidance and a fully integrated, collaborative approach to pandemic prevention.

Public health systems must incorporate measures to detect and mitigate zoonotic risks chemical hazards, toxins, and other health risks. This is crucial to ensuring food safety, food security, and overall public health. Prevention is critical. Strengthening what is already in the draft and strengthening capacities across all sectors, including laboratory capabilities and human resources, to ensure a comprehensive readiness framework.

Pandemic prevention and surveillance require robust, multisectoral support involving other relevant sectors and ministries to prevent disease spillover and spillback. Concrete steps are needed to address the drivers of disease emergence and re-emergence, going beyond surveillance to proactively manage risks **at the human-animal-environment interface**. The World Veterinary Association is fully committed to supporting WHO members and the INB in technical consultations.”