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Agreement with the Office International des Epizooties

Report by the Secretariat

1. The Office International des Epizooties (OIE) is an international organization established in 1924. OIE, which currently has 165 Members, maintains relations with more than 20 other international organizations, including WHO.
2. A previous agreement establishing relations between OIE and WHO was approved by resolution WHA14.50 (1961). The agreement was revised in 2003 to take into account a number of recent developments of shared concern. Food safety became a formal area of OIE activity in 2001. The emergence of such zoonotic diseases as bovine spongiform encephalopathy and the related variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and avian influenza, has drawn renewed attention to the animal health component of consequential new diseases in humans. These developments have underscored the need for closer collaboration between the two organizations in the surveillance, prevention, and control of zoonotic diseases.
3. A revised agreement reflecting these developments was endorsed by the OIE International Committee at its 71st session in May 2003. By virtue of Article 6, its entry into force is subject to the approval of the Health Assembly.

ACTION BY THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

4. The Health Assembly is invited to approve the revised agreement with OIE, attached as Annex.¹

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¹ **Editor's note:** The Agreement attached to the original version of this document is not included in this revision, pending consultations with OIE on implementation of the amendments provided for in resolution WHA57.7.