Quadripartite Collaboration for One Health (FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOAH)

Comments to the 16 October version of the Pandemic Agreement

- 1. The Quadripartite welcomes the inclusion of a reference to One Health in point 8 of the **Preamble** of the Agreement, and the inclusion of the OHHLEP **OH definition** in Article 1 on the Use of Terms and a provision on **One Health in Article 5**. We congratulate the Bureau for this solid recognition of One Health.
- 2. We recommend that "One Health" be also included in **Article 3 on General Principles**, as was in the June 2023 Bureau's draft. Recognizing One Health as a general approach would facilitate mainstreaming a multisectoral integrated approach across other relevant provisions of the Agreement. This would be important, among others, for Articles 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 17 and articles 21 and 25.
- 3. We recommend moving the provision on OH action plans from article 4 to article 5 on OH. A proposed text as follows: "Develop and implement national OH action plans, drawing on existing One Health instruments and strategies, and in accordance with national context".
- 4. We recommend that **explicit reference to One Health is incorporated into article 17** "Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches at the national level", particularly in provisions 17.2 (national coordinating multisectoral mechanisms) and 17.4 (comprehensive national pandemic prevention, preparedness and response plans).