

Resolution No. 1

Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare

CONSIDERING

That the WVA has a cooperation agreement with the OIE

That the WVA recognises the OIE as the international standard-setting organisation for animal welfare,

That the WVA supports the OIE adopted international standards for animal welfare which recognise the need for humane treatment of sentient animals, while ensuring that these standards are science based,

That it is important to achieve acceptance worldwide of animal welfare as an issue of common concern and importance,

That a Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare, which establishes the importance of this issue for the humane treatment of sentient animals, would complement and promote the work of the WVA, and facilitate global acceptance of OIE standards and their application at a national, regional and global level,

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DECIDES

To support, in principle, the development of a Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare which calls on countries to acknowledge the importance of animal welfare and, at the same time, recognises the OIE as the established international animal welfare standard-setting body,

To encourage the efforts of governments seeking to support this goal,

To encourage the efforts of globally recognized animal welfare organisations seeking to achieve this goal.

(Adopted by the WVA Presidents' Assembly on 30 July 2008)