

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

The Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare: an agreement among people and nations to recognise that animals are sentient and can suffer, to respect their welfare needs and to end animal cruelty – for good.

A Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare is:

A non-binding set of principles on animal welfare and is intended as a global benchmark to guide UN member states when formulating their policies concerning animals at national and regional level.

An agreement that recognises the importance of animal sentience and the benefits that animal welfare presents both to sentient animals and to the people that interact with them.

Supported by an inter-governmental steering committee with representatives from the governments of Kenya, India, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica and the Republic of the Philippines.

Supported, in principle, by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

Therefore

- Supports, in principle, the development of the initiative to achieve a Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare at the United Nations.
- Will work to improve the humane treatment of animals nationally and internationally by:

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Position

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The role of Secretariat for the inter-governmental steering committee for a UDAW is currently filled by The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and its key partners: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), Humane Society International (HSI), Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), and Compassion in World Farming (CIWF).



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