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**Draft resolution on the animal welfare–environment–  
sustainable development nexus**

*The United Nations Environment Assembly,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on harmony with nature,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling* that the environment and sustainable development are at the core of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme,

*Recalling* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, “The future we want”,<sup>2</sup> in particular paragraph 88,

*Acknowledging* that animal welfare can contribute to addressing environmental challenges, promoting the “One Health” approach and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals,

*Noting* that the health and welfare of animals, sustainable development and the environment are connected to human health and well-being,

*Acknowledging* the increasing need to address these connections through the One Health approach, among other holistic approaches,

*Acknowledging also* that there is a strong body of science supporting animal welfare,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, subject to the availability of financial and human resources, to produce a report, in close collaboration with the Tripartite Alliance, whose members are the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the World Organization for Animal Health, as well as with the One Health High-Level Expert Panel, on the nexus between animal welfare, the environment and sustainable development by analysing the nexus between animal welfare, the environment and sustainable development, identifying key partners and stakeholders to consult, where

\* In accordance with the decisions taken by the Bureau of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its meeting held on 8 October 2020 and by the bureaux of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the Committee of Permanent Representatives at their joint meeting held on 1 December 2020, the fifth session of the Environment Assembly was adjourned on 23 February 2021 and is expected to resume as an in-person meeting in February 2022.

<sup>1</sup> A/75/266.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.

relevant, in the preparation of the report, and preparing a summary of the findings for consideration by Member States;

2. *Also requests* the Executive Director to submit the aforementioned report for peer review by Member States;

3. *Further requests* the Executive Director to work in partnership with the members of the Tripartite Alliance, through the strengthened relationship of the United Nations Environment Programme with the Alliance, including on matters related to animal welfare and its nexus with human health and the environment, through a One Health approach;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Environment Assembly at its sixth session on the findings of the report.

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