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Assembly on 2 March 2022**

5/4. 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,¹

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

Recalling also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,² 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 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 relevant, in the preparation of the report, and preparing a summary of the findings for consideration by Member States;

¹ A/75/266.

² General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.

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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