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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers)

Subject: CVO 07/11/25 - Informal VTC of the members of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) - Presidency Flash

In view of the Informal VTC of the members of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 7 November 2025, delegations will find in annex the Presidency Flash.

Presidency Flash

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Informal Videoconference of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions – Chief Veterinary Officers

7 November 2025

When	Where	Format
7 November 2025 09.30 – 13.00	Videoconference	1+1

Dear Colleagues,

The Danish Presidency is pleased to invite you to an informal VTC Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) on 7 November 09.30 – 13.00. The aim of the virtual meeting is to prepare and discuss the documents for the seventh meeting of the WOAHA Governance Review Committee.

The agenda of the meeting is set out in CM 4672/25.

1. WOAHA Governance Review Committee

The seventh meeting of the WOAHA Governance Review Committee will take place in hybrid format, with in-person participation in Paris, France, from 18 to 21 November 2025. The meeting in the Committee is dedicated to continuing the discussions on the mandate of WOAHA, the size and composition of the WOAHA Council and technical governance and begin the discussion on financial governance as well as unanswered questions from the 6th meeting in the Committee on 30 September and 1 October 2025.

The discussion on *financial governance* will address how to ensure a sustainable funding for the Organisation in the coming years. The unpredictability of the Organisation's budget due to arrears has been highlighted by the WOA H Secretariat as a key concern. As for *technical governance*, the negotiations were initiated during the 4th Committee meeting in May 2025. The discussions will now proceed with focus on clarifying responsibilities and tasks for the technical subsidiary bodies in WOA H, i.e. the Code-Commissions and Scientific Committees.

The Presidency has prepared a note that describes and highlights the key issues and which decisions the Presidency is seeking the views of Member States. The note will be available on Delegates Portal under document WK 14758/2025. The note is summarizing the main elements of the Information Papers and working documents received from the WOA H Secretariat (WK 14314/2025).

The discussion at the informal CVO meeting will be structured in accordance with the provisional agenda of the GRC 7 meeting. Following the informal VTC Working Party, the Presidency will prepare a document outlining the discussions in the meeting. The delegations are welcome to submit their written remarks to this document no later than 14 November 2025.

EU membership of WOA H

During the meeting of Counsellors/Attaches (Agri – Animals and Veterinary Questions) on 29 September 2025, a large majority of delegations supported a stepwise approach regarding the Council Decision on a revision of WOA H Basic Texts. At the Council (AGRIFISH) meeting in October, the Council Decision was adopted without the negotiation mandate of amending the WOA H Basic Texts to allow the participation of regional economic integration organisations, such as the EU, to WOA H.

The stepwise approach also implies that the Presidency will hold a separate in-depth discussion to consider the advantages and disadvantages of a potential membership of EU to WOA H. This discussion will take place at the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Chief Veterinary Officers) meeting on 2 and 3 December. Please note that the deadline for submitting questions on the consequences of the potential EU membership is no later than 14 November 2025 and should be send to LIFE.3@consilium.europa.eu with copy to cvo@fvst.dk.

2. Any other businesses

Delegations that would like to raise any other businesses during the meeting are requested to inform the General Secretariat of the Council (LIFE.3@consilium.europa.eu) as well as the chairs of the Presidency team (cvo@fvst.dk) in advance of the meeting.

Kind regards,

The Danish Presidency team