



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**THE WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION  
(WVA)**

and

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MILITARY MEDICINE  
(ICMM)**



The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to facilitate and stimulate the contacts and co-operation between the World Veterinary Association, hereinafter referred to as „WVA “ and the International Committee of Military Medicine, hereinafter referred to as „ICMM “, on all projects of common interest that may be launched in the future.

Considering that the mission of the WVA is to assure and promote animal health and welfare and public health globally, through developing and advancing veterinary medicine, the veterinary profession as well as public and private veterinary services.

Taking into account that the mission of the ICMM, as an impartial, neutral and independent organization is to facilitate, maintain and strengthen the bonds between all military medical services of its Member States in order to promote the exchange of scientific knowledge and practical experiences in the field of military medicine and to encourage, within its means and the operational framework, respect of and application of international humanitarian law and medical ethics.

Recognizing the need for facilitating co-ordination and implementation of common projects about well-functioning veterinary services for Public Health and One Health, for the daily care for the health and welfare of animals, by educated and licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

The WVA and the ICMM have agreed to the following:

#### **Article 1. Reciprocal representation**

Each organisation will invite the other party to participate as an observer in its meetings (at their own expense) where matters of mutual interest may arise, and make the reports of these meetings available.

The President of the WVA will invite the Secretary General of the ICMM to participate in, or be represented at, without voting rights, the General Assembly of the WVA as well as at other meetings of common interest.

Likewise, the Secretary-General of the ICMM will especially invite the President of the WVA to participate in, or be represented at, without voting rights, the biennial General Assembly of the ICMM, organized during the World Congress of Military Medicine of the ICMM, as at other meetings of common interest.

#### **Article 2. Exchange of information and documents**

Subject to any arrangements which may be necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of certain documents, the WVA and the ICMM will exchange technical documents, that can be distributed among the members of both organizations.

On the condition that the competent authority of the military health service of each member state gives its agreement, the ICMM can provide the useful and non-confidential information requested by the WVA.

Ownership of such information shall remain with the party that provides it, and this ownership must be clearly mentioned on all the documents.

### Article 3. Co-operation

The WVA and the ICMM agree to co-operate and consult each other on questions of mutual interest, in particular those concerning Public Health and One Health issues, health care, international humanitarian law and professional ethics.

The WVA and the ICMM may agree on joint actions, notably in order to develop international cooperation in the field of Public Health and One Health, health care, international humanitarian law and professional ethics.

The WVA and the ICMM agree to substantiate their co-operation on a regular basis.

### Article 4. Validity and duration

The present memorandum of understanding will enter into force once signed by both parties and shall be of indefinite duration.

Either party may propose written amendments to this MOU which, upon written agreement of the other party, shall be considered part of this MOU.

Either party may terminate this MOU at any time by an official notification giving to the other not less than three months' notice and stating the reasons for termination.

Signed in two original copies in English and French.

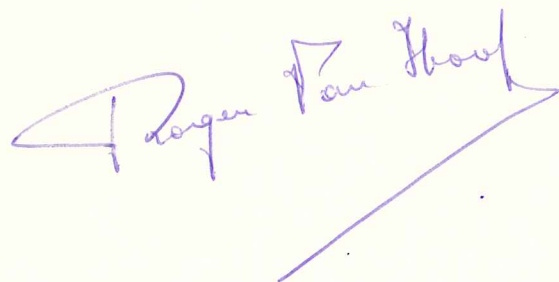
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For the  
World Veterinary Association

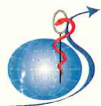


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