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THE PARIS DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PAN AFRICAN PPR

SECRETARIAT, 21 MAY 2023, PARIS, FRANCE.

We, the Ministers from Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Gambia, and Botswana on behalf of all Ministers, CVOs, RECs, CSO, Livestock Value Chain Actors, Representatives of international organizations (AU-IBAR, AU-PANVAC, FAO, WOAHA, ILRI), Representative of Veterinary Education Establishments, EISMV-Dakar and Representatives of Non-Governmental Organization The Brooke during the 90th General Session of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) 21 – 25 May 2023, Paris, France, **RECOGNISE** the efforts of the Member States and; the support and contributions of partners towards arresting the continuing spread of Pest des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and other small ruminant diseases in Africa. We are **COMMITTED** to eradicating PPR in Africa by 2030 and to position the livestock sector as a major economic sector for the sustainable transformation of livelihoods, and eradication of poverty particularly in livestock-dependent communities in Africa. We **COMMEND** the development of the second phase of the Pan African Peste des Petits Ruminants Eradication Programme led by AU-IBAR, AU-PANVAC, FAO and WOAHA and preparations to fully execute the Pan African Program especially through the

support of international partners and donors community. We **REAFFIRM** the Nairobi Declaration on the Eradication of Peste des Petits Ruminants eradication By 2030 which amongst others directs Member States to include PPR eradication as a priority in their National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs) and to ensure adequate budgetary allocations and disbursements for the effective and timely implementation of the PPR National Strategies; the AU Commission, Regional Economic Communities, Member States, FAO, WOAHA and other Partners to establish strategic partnerships to enhance coordination and optimize resource mobilization for PPR eradication and to give priority and visibility to PPR eradication under **the overall coordination** of AU-IBAR. We, therefore, **ENDORSE** the establishment of Pan African PPR Secretariat at AU-IBAR to coordinate all activities related to PPR eradication initiatives in order to have a dedicated, focused and effective centre for a better harmonized disease control effort on the continent and to eradicate the disease with desirable outcomes and impacts among them, enhance food and nutrition security, create jobs, youth and women empowerment eliminate poverty and improve the well-being and livelihoods of the people of the African member states.

Paris, 21st May 2023

The Ministers