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To the UN Secretary General and Summit of the Future Action Days Team:

It has come to our attention that the [UN Summit of the Future](#) is occurring simultaneously with the [8th World One Health Congress](#).

The unifying concept of One Health that acknowledges the interconnectedness of human, animal, plant, and ecosystem health and well-being, is highly relevant to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and is recognized as such by international organizations, regional bodies, countries, and civil society.

The international network of One Health stakeholders currently attending the 8th World One Health Congress (Cape Town, Sept 20-23) urges that One Health be openly and fully embraced, and that the importance and urgency of incorporating One Health thinking in our projections for the future be included and taken into account.

Further to this, we propose that One Health be included in the outcome of the UN Summit of the Future, the Pact for the Future.

Specifically, we propose to insert this after item 9. of the Pact:

'We recognize the unifying concept of One Health that acknowledges the interconnectedness of human, animal, plant, and ecosystem health and well-being, as essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.'

We also propose to insert under Action 1, 20. (a):

We decide to: (a) Scale up our efforts using the One Health approach towards the full implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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