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Chair,
Director General,
Excellencies,
Colleagues,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its member states.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia*, Montenegro* and Albania*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this statement.

The EU and its 27 Member States recall the statement made under agenda item 18 of the EB150 on the Global Strategy for food safety and on the reduction of public health risks associated with the sale of live wild animals of mammalian species in traditional food markets.

* The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

We continue to support the decision to adopt the strategy on food safety and we recall the importance of the One Health approach for reaching sustainable food systems and food safety globally also fundamental to reduce pandemic risk. We specially recall the need to reduce the overall use of antimicrobials and phase out their use as growth promoters as key element in the strategy to protect global public health.

We reaffirm our support to continue the work on the management on the risks associated with live animals in traditional food markets as essential element of an effective pandemic prevention (pre-spillover), preparedness and response (post-spillover).

The EU and its Member States welcome the expansion of the Tripartite to Quadripartite, which implies the formal involvement of UNEP and the inclusion of environment in the Quadripartite activities.

The EU and its Member States welcome the initiative of the Quadripartite to develop One Health Global Plan of Action. We want to highlight the need to align this new Joint Plan of Action with existing initiatives of the Quadripartite in the same field, to avoid any overlap and we want to request the Quadripartite to develop an implementation plan, with clear deliverables and deadlines, and defined responsibilities for the secretariat, Quadripartite and member countries.