

**Statement of I.R. Iran on:**  
**“Advancing the implementation of One Health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region”**

First of all, we would like to express our gratitude to RD and her team for their continuous efforts in promoting the health and security of global and regional health and for preparing the report INF.DOC8.

This report has well demonstrated the successful experiences and progress of the EMR countries, their main challenges, the suggested solutions and needs in the area of One Health since October 2022.

A successful national model for strengthening quadripartite cooperation in the I.R. Iran is strengthening inter-sectoral cooperation among ministries and institutions related to health, forming the Supreme Council of Health and Food Security. This policy-making council, chaired by the president and the secretariatship of the Ministry of Health, includes 7 ministries and 6 national organizations e.g. the Ministry of Agricultural Jihad, the Environmental Protection Organization, the national Programming and Budget Organization, and the Passive Defense Organization. This council has an important role in coordinating and monitoring One Health programs. Also, by following up the obligations of organizations up to the environmental levels, it is considered as one of the effective measures in the society's access to control facilities.

One Health program is one of the capacities of IHR. Inclusion of this capacity in the field of IHR has been one of WHO's valuable actions, and we believe that the Supreme Council of Health and Food Safety can effectively transfer the valuable experiences of the country to WHO by integrating the activities of One Health and IHR. On the other hand, we expect WHO to provide more support to Iran technically, logistically and financially and to take action at the right time for the participation of the high-level ministerial officials in the fourth global ministerial meeting on AMR hosted by Saudi Arabia.

At the end, we declare our commitment to implement the One Health approach as one of the national and regional priorities.

**Madam/Mr. chairperson, thank you for this opportunity and many thanks for your attention.**

**Secretariat of the Supreme Council of Health and Food Safety**

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