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Il Dirigente proponente, con la sottoscrizione del presente atto, a seguito dell'istruttoria effettuata attesta, ai fini dell'art. 1 della L. 20 del 1994, così come modificato dall'art. 3 della L.639 del 1996, che l'atto è legittimo nella forma e nella sostanza ed è utile per il servizio pubblico.

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**U.O.C. RICERCA E INNOVAZIONE
DR. ROMANO ZILLI**

Oggetto: Stipula del Memorandum Of Understanding con il The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU IBAR).

PREMESSO CHE

- Il D. Lgs. 30 giugno 1993 n. 270 che all'art. 1, comma 4 prevede che gli Istituti Zooprofilattici Sperimentali provvedono a svolgere ricerche di base e finalizzate per lo sviluppo delle conoscenze nell'igiene e sanità veterinaria, secondo programmi e anche mediante convenzioni con Università e istituti di ricerca italiani e stranieri, nonché su richiesta dello Stato, di regioni ed enti pubblici e privati.
- L'Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana M. Aleandri (di seguito denominato "Istituto") è Ente sanitario di diritto pubblico ed assicura i compiti di cui al Decreto Legislativo n. 106 del 20 giugno 2012, alla legge della Regione Lazio 29 dicembre 2014, n. 14, alla legge della Regione Toscana n. 42 del 25 luglio 2014 e allo Statuto dell'Istituto adottato con Decreto del Commissionario ad Acta della Regione Lazio n. U00306 del 19 luglio 2017.
- The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (di seguito denominato "AU IBAR") è un ufficio tecnico specializzato della African Union Commission (AUC). AU-IBAR svolge un ruolo chiave nella salute degli animali e nel campo della salute pubblica veterinaria, nella pesca e nella conservazione della fauna selvatica e ha come fine ultimo la sicurezza alimentare e lo sviluppo sostenibile del continente africano.

CONSIDERATO CHE

- Attraverso il Memorandum of Understanding di cui all'oggetto (di seguito denominato "MoU") si avvia un rapporto di collaborazione scientifica finalizzato al raggiungimento di obiettivi di comune interesse, nonché al reciproco scambio di conoscenze tecnico-scientifiche, nell'ambito delle aree tematiche specificate all'articolo 2 del MoU.

PRESO ATTO CHE

- Il MoU ha validità di 5 anni a decorrere dalla data dell'ultima firma apposta, e potrà essere prorogato per ulteriori 5 anni previo Accordo scritto tra le Parti.

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DATO ATTO CHE

- Le iniziative che le Parti realizzeranno in collaborazione saranno di volta in volta definite mediante la stipula di appositi Accordi scritti, in attuazione del MoU di cui all'oggetto, contenenti il dettaglio delle attività e degli aspetti finanziari, se necessario.
- Il presente Accordo non comporta oneri a carico dell'Istituto.

RITENUTO OPPORTUNO

- Approvare lo schema del Memorandum Of Understanding con il The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU IBAR), allegato al presente atto, di cui forma parte integrante e sostanziale.
- Sottoscrivere il Memorandum Of Understanding con il The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU IBAR).

PROPONE

Per i motivi esposti in narrativa che si intendono integralmente trascritti:

1. Di approvare lo schema del Memorandum Of Understanding con il The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU IBAR), allegato al presente atto, di cui forma parte integrante e sostanziale.
2. Di sottoscrivere il Memorandum Of Understanding con il The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU IBAR).
3. Di prendere atto che il MoU ha validità di 5 anni a decorrere dalla data dell'ultima firma apposta, e potrà essere prorogato per ulteriori 5 anni previo Accordo scritto tra le Parti.
4. Di dare atto che l'Accordo non implica alcun trasferimento finanziario tra le parti, pertanto esso non comporta alcun onere aggiuntivo per l'Istituto.
5. Di dare atto che le iniziative che le Parti realizzeranno in collaborazione saranno di volta in volta definite mediante la stipula di appositi Accordi scritti, in attuazione del MoU di cui all'oggetto, contenenti il dettaglio delle attività e degli aspetti finanziari, se necessario.

Il Responsabile
Dr. Romano Zilli

IL COMMISSARIO STRAORDINARIO
Dr. Stefano Palomba

VISTA la proposta di deliberazione avanzata del dirigente dell'Ufficio Ricerca e Innovazione Dr. Romano Zilli avente ad oggetto: Stipula del Memorandum Of Understanding con il The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU IBAR).

SENTITI il Direttore Amministrativo ed il Direttore Sanitario che hanno espresso parere favorevole alla adozione del presente provvedimento.

RITENUTO di doverla approvare così come proposta.

DELIBERA

Di approvare la proposta di Deliberazione avente ad oggetto: Stipula del Memorandum Of Understanding con il The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU IBAR) e conseguentemente:

1. Di approvare lo schema del Memorandum Of Understanding con il The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU IBAR), allegato al presente atto, di cui forma parte integrante e sostanziale.
2. Di sottoscrivere il Memorandum Of Understanding con il The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU IBAR).
3. Di prendere atto che il MoU ha validità di 5 anni a decorrere dalla data dell'ultima firma apposta, e potrà essere prorogato per ulteriori 5 anni previo Accordo scritto tra le Parti.
4. Di dare atto che l'Accordo non implica alcun trasferimento finanziario tra le parti, pertanto esso non comporta alcun onere aggiuntivo per l'Istituto.
5. Di dare atto che le iniziative che le Parti realizzeranno in collaborazione saranno di volta in volta definite mediante la stipula di appositi Accordi scritti, in attuazione del MoU di cui all'oggetto, contenenti il dettaglio delle attività e degli aspetti finanziari, se necessario.

Il Commissario Straordinario
Dr. Stefano Palomba

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (hereinafter “AU-IBAR”) with registered office in Nairobi – VAT Number P051122734M in person of the legal representative, Dr. Huyam Ahmed Mohammed Alamin Salih, Director of AU-IBAR domiciled at Westland Road, Museum Hill, P.O. Box 36786-00100 - Nairobi, Kenya

AND

ISTITUTO ZOOPROFILATTICO SPERIMENTALE DEL LAZIO E DELLA TOSCANA "Mariano Aleandri" (hereinafter “IZSLT”), with registered office in Roma, via Appia Nuova n.1411, 00178 – VAT Number 00887091007, in person of the Legal Representative, Dr. Stefano Palomba – Extraordinary Commissioner, domiciled at IZSLT registered office;

WHEREAS the Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) is a specialized technical office of the African Union Commission (AUC) that works to support and coordinate the development and utilization of animal resources across Africa. AU-IBAR plays a key role in animal health, livestock development, veterinary public health, fisheries, and wildlife conservation—all with the goal of improving livelihoods, food security, and sustainable development on the African continent.

WHEREAS the AU-IBAR Strategic Outlook 2024–2028 outlines a comprehensive roadmap for transforming Africa’s animal resources sector into a driver of sustainable economic growth, food and nutrition security, and environmental resilience. Anchored in the Livestock Development Strategy for Africa (LiDeSA) and prioritizes increasing productivity and profitability, promoting sustainability, generating wealth, and enhancing social welfare and food security. It emphasizes fostering innovation and entrepreneurship along value chains, improving access to markets and services, and integrating fisheries and aquaculture development. The strategy also seeks to strengthen regional collaboration, promote south-south cooperation, and advocate for Africa’s unified voice in international policy dialogues, while ensuring alignment with continental frameworks such as Agenda 2063 and the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

WHEREAS AU-IBAR mandate is to support and coordinate the sustainable development and utilisation of animal resources to enhance nutrition and food security and contribute to the wellbeing and prosperity of the people in the Member States of the African Union.

WHEREAS Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana "Mariano Aleandri" (IZSLT) is a public veterinary health institute within Italy’s national framework, established to protect and promote animal health, ensure food safety, and support public health.

IZSLT runs several National Reference Centres acknowledged by National Ministry of Health: Antimicrobial Resistance Veterinary Sector; Official Controls on Genetically Modified Organisms; Equine Diseases; Ovine and Caprine Milk Quality; Forensic Veterinary Medicine; Non-Human Primates Health, Equine Infectious Anaemia.

IZSLT, among the many centres of excellence operated, serves as the Italian National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for Antimicrobial Resistance and as NRL for Official Controls on Genetically Modified Organisms. It is also acknowledged as World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Collaborating Centre for Good Beekeeping Management Practices and Biosecurity Measures in the Apiculture Sector and for Equine Infectious Anaemia.

Additionally, IZSLT acts as an FAO Reference Centre for Animal Health and Food Security in disciplines including apiculture, health and biosecurity, and antimicrobial in beekeeping.

IZSLT mandate encompasses advancing veterinary research, laboratory diagnostics, and epidemiological surveillance. It supports sustainable livestock production and food security through risk assessment, capacity building, and the development of early warning systems for zoonotic diseases. The institute also provides technical assistance, produces autovaccines, and promotes sustainable apiculture practices, contributing to biodiversity and the resilience of global agricultural ecosystems. Through its extensive involvement in international research, training programs, and collaborative projects, IZSLT actively strengthens global efforts to combat antimicrobial resistance, improve animal health, and enhance One Health capacities.

WHEREAS AU-IBAR and IZSLT (collectively referred to as “Parties” and individually “Party”) share a commitment to improving global food security, public health, and sustainable agricultural systems through integrated and innovative approaches, and recognize the importance of addressing interconnected challenges under a One Health framework, ensuring the health of animals, humans, and the environment.

AU-IBAR and IZSLT aim to strengthen capacities in livestock productions in Africa, including bees and fisheries, through epidemiology and disease surveillance, fostering timely detection and response to emerging zoonotic diseases and transboundary animal health threats, developing biosecurity practice in livestock farming, quality of production, protection of traditional and diverse local species and biotypes, exploitation of natural features in local breeds to prevent and combat conditions and better adapt to specific contingencies.

The Parties are dedicated to advancing sustainable livestock practices, enhancing food safety, and promoting biosecurity measures. Leveraging IZSLT’s expertise as a National and International Reference Centre for animal health and diagnostics, and AU-IBAR’s leadership in capacity building and international coordination, the partnership will enhance technical skills, data sharing, and knowledge dissemination across Member Countries.

Through targeted capacity-building initiatives, the collaboration seeks to provide specialized training in laboratory diagnostics, sustainable apiculture, risk assessment, and animal health economics. Joint efforts will foster research and innovation to improve animal health and welfare, biodiversity, and agricultural resilience to climate change. This collaboration foresees also combating AMR through the development of surveillance systems, promoting prudent antimicrobial use, and exploring alternative solutions to reduce dependency on antimicrobials in livestock aquaculture and apiculture. AU-IBAR and IZSLT are committed to generating measurable impacts in food security, animal health, and public health, contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) while empowering local and international stakeholders with evidence-based solutions to meet the demands of the twenty-first century.

WHEREAS the Parties intend to conclude this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the aim of consolidating, developing and detailing their cooperation and effectiveness to achieve their common objectives in the field of animal health, food safety, and sustainable agriculture within a One Health framework.

WHEREAS the Parties intend their cooperation to cover a broad range of activities, which may include, but not be limited to, capacity building, knowledge exchange, provision of resources and development of financing initiatives for the advancement of their common goals and objectives.

Now therefore AU-IBAR and IZSLT HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1: Interpretation and purpose

1. The purpose of the present MoU is to provide a framework for collaboration between the Parties to further their shared goals and objectives with regard to the enhancing global animal and public health, advancing sustainable agricultural and livestock practices including animal welfare, combating antimicrobial resistance, strengthening One Health capacities, and promoting food security and environmental resilience through integrated and innovative approaches, as further elaborated under Article 2 below.
2. The present MoU implies no financial commitment by either Party except as specified in this MoU. Activities to be implemented under this MoU are subject to the availability of personnel and financial resources. Implementation of any projects and programmes pursuant to this MoU, shall require the execution of appropriate separate specific legal agreements between the Parties in accordance with their respective rules and regulations. Any potential Third Parties additionally involved in such agreements should be clearly identified and formally engaged, according to the nature of contribution provided. The terms of such agreements shall be subject to the provisions of this MoU. Whenever such additional programs would require specific funding, any agreement on that should clearly identify, source, nature, amount and availability of it.
3. Separate legal agreements between the Parties shall set out detailed and specific technical, financial and other appropriate conditions for collaboration, as well as conditions relating to each Party's role, responsibilities and liability. Such arrangements will be jointly formulated and concluded on a case-by-case basis between the Parties.

Article 2: Areas of cooperation and activities

1. The Parties have agreed to the following areas of cooperation for this MoU, which are areas of common interest to AU-IBAR and IZSLT. The Parties consider that progress in these areas could be strengthened through cooperation:
 - a) **Advancing animal welfare best practices and health and welfare of donkey species in Africa:** build capacities of MSs on compliance with animal welfare standards, support the ongoing Africa's donkey species preservation initiatives and the implementation of the pan African strategy for the preservation of donkey species in Africa.
 - b) **Strengthening regional One Health Capacities:** enhance surveillance, prevention, and control of zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance through integrated approaches that address the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. This includes establishing standardized frameworks for emergency responses and fostering coordinated action among stakeholders especially in AU Member States and regional economic communities (RECs) ;
 - c) **Advancing Epidemiology and animal Disease Surveillance:** develop robust epidemiological research and surveillance systems, incorporating advanced tools such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and predictive modelling. These efforts aim to improve early detection of animal diseases and zoonotic threats, enabling rapid and effective responses at local, national, and international levels;
 - d) **Combating AMR: establish comprehensive AMR monitoring and mitigation programs,** including promoting prudent antimicrobial use and fostering alternatives such as biosecurity, vaccines, bacteriophages, natural antibacterial principles and others. The Parties will collaborate to develop surveillance mechanisms, enhance awareness campaigns, and support innovative research to combat AMR in livestock including apiculture and aquaculture;
 - e) **Promoting Sustainable and responsible Livestock transformation Practices:** advocate for and implement sustainable and resilient livestock management systems that enhance biodiversity, optimize

resource use, and contribute to food security. Research initiatives will focus on best practices in animal health, welfare, nutrition, genetic and ecological sustainability, integrating the principles of health economics and rural livelihoods. It would include also sustainable innovative feed production from alternative proteins sources;

- f) **Enhancing Apiculture and Pollinator Health:** advance sustainable beekeeping practices through the development of diagnostic tools, biosecurity measures, and training programs. Establish networks of demonstration apiaries to showcase best practices, fostering the health of pollinator populations critical to global agricultural production;
- g) **Strengthening sustainable fish farming:** support the advancement of environmental responsible fish farming practices through the development of diagnostic tools, biosecurity measures, and training programs;
- h) **Reinforcing Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer:** provide targeted training programs in laboratory diagnostics, epidemiology, sustainable apiculture, and health economics. Employ blended learning methodologies, mentorship to provide veterinary, agronomic, and public health professionals with technical expertise and foster global knowledge sharing;
- i) **Developing Financial Mechanisms and Mobilizing Resources:** collaborate on creating innovative financial instruments to support joint initiatives and secure resources for project implementation. Efforts will include strategic resource mobilization from national and international donors, philanthropic organizations, and public-private partnerships; and
- j) **Engaging in Joint Research and Innovation:** undertake collaborative research on priority areas such as zoonotic disease emergence, AMR, and apiculture biosecurity. This includes publishing impactful findings and developing innovative solutions for animal health and food safety challenges.

Article 3: Mechanisms for coordination and review

1. The Parties shall hold regular bilateral meetings on matters of common interest, in accordance with an agenda agreed to in advance, for the purpose of developing and monitoring collaborative activities, projects and programmes. Such meetings shall take place at least once every 6 months to:
 - a) discuss technical and operational issues related to furthering the objectives of this MoU;
 - b) provide overall strategic guidance for the implementation of this MoU;
 - c) monitor the progress in the implementation of the MoU and exchange views on the lessons learned;
 - d) review progress of work undertaken by both parties pursuant to a separate legal agreement in the areas of cooperation mentioned in Article 2 above.
2. In identifying joint activities, projects and programmes to be executed under this MoU, due regard shall be given to AU-IBAR and IZSLT's geographic coverage, capacity for implementation and experience in the related field.
3. Within the context defined above, further bilateral meetings at the desk-to-desk and expert levels shall be encouraged and set up on an ad hoc basis, as deemed necessary by the relevant AU-IBAR divisions and IZSLT for the implementation of joint activities, projects and programmes in specific areas, countries and regions.
4. To implement activities, projects and programmes in the agreed areas, the Parties shall execute separate legal agreements appropriate for the implementation of each initiative in accordance with Article 1 (3) above.

Article 4: Status of the Parties and their personnel

1. The Parties shall undertake the activities under this MoU in accordance with the rules and regulations to which they are subject. Where compliance with rules may lead to a difficulty in performing under the MoU, or adhering to its provisions, the concerned Party undertakes to draw this to the attention of the other Party with a view to resolving the matter appropriately and amicably.
2. Neither Party shall be entitled to act or make legally binding declarations on behalf of the other Party. Nothing in this MoU shall be deemed to constitute a joint venture, agency, interest grouping or any other kind of formal grouping or entity between the Parties.

Article 5: Acknowledgment and publicity

1. At a mutually agreed-upon time, or as otherwise agreed by the Parties, AU-IBAR and IZSLT may each issue a press release and make public statements regarding their collaboration, the content of which will be subject to the written agreement of the other Party, which will not unreasonably be withheld or delayed.
2. Neither Party will issue any press release or promotional material, hold any press conference or make any public announcement concerning this MoU and/or the relationship of the Parties hereunder, without obtaining the approval of the other Party.
3. In all cases of acknowledgment and publicity of the collaboration under this MoU, the Parties will use neutral language that accurately reflects the actual contribution of each Party.
4. This MoU or information about this MoU may be published on AU-IBAR's website after it has entered into force consistent with its policies on transparency, as amended or updated from time to time. IZSLT may also publish the MoU or information about this MoU on its website after it has entered into force.

Article 6: Use of name and logo

The Parties agree not to use the other Party's name or logo in any press release, memo, report, or other published disclosure related to this MoU without the prior written consent of the Party concerned.

Article 7: Confidentiality

1. It is acknowledged that each Party may possess confidential information, including personal data, which is proprietary to it or to third parties collaborating with it. Any information provided by one Party (as the "Disclosing Party") to the other Party (as the "Receiving Party") in the context of this MoU shall be treated by the Receiving Party as confidential and shall only be used by the Receiving Party for the purpose for which it was provided.
2. The Receiving Party shall take all reasonable measures to keep information pursuant to paragraph 1 above confidential and shall only use the information for the purpose for which it was provided. The Receiving Party shall ensure that any persons having access to said information shall be made aware of and be bound by the obligations of the Receiving Party hereunder.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no obligation of confidentiality or restriction on use where: (i) the information is publicly available, or becomes publicly available otherwise than by action of the Receiving Party; or (ii) the information was already known to the Receiving Party (as evidenced by its written records) prior to its receipt; or (iii) the information was received from a third party not in breach of an obligation of confidentiality owed to the Disclosing Party; or (iv) the Disclosing Party has given its written consent to disclosure to the Receiving Party.

Article 8: Intellectual property rights

1. Intellectual property rights, in particular copyright, in material such as information, software and designs, made available by AU-IBAR and IZSLT to be used to carry out activities under this MoU shall remain with the originating Party. Appropriate authorizations for use of such materials by the other Party will be addressed in the agreements concluded in accordance with Article 1 (3) above.

2. Option 1: Intellectual property rights in materials developed under this MoU, such as information, software and designs, shall be vested in AU-IBAR. IZSLT will enjoy a royalty-free, non-exclusive and non-transferable license to use, publish, translate and distribute, privately or publicly, any item or part thereof for non-commercial purposes, provided that AU-IBAR is acknowledged as the source and copyright owner.

Option 2: Intellectual property rights in materials developed under this MoU, such as information, software and designs, and appropriate authorizations for use of such materials by either of the Parties will be addressed in the agreements concluded in accordance with Article 1 (3) above.

Option 3: Intellectual property rights in materials developed under this MoU, such as information, software and designs, shall be jointly owned by AU-IBAR and IZSLT, including, without any limitations, the right to use, publish, translate, sell or distribute, privately or publicly, any item or part thereof for non-commercial purposes.

Article 9: Responsibility

Each Party will be responsible for dealing with any claims or demands arising out of its actions or omissions, and those of its personnel, in relation to this MoU.

Article 10: Privileges and immunities and applicable law

1. Nothing in or relating to this MoU or in any document or arrangement relating thereto shall be construed: (i) as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of AU-IBAR, nor as extending any privileges or immunities of AU-IBAR to the other Party, or to its personnel; (ii) as the acceptance by AU-IBAR of the applicability of the laws of any targeted country; or (iii) as the acceptance by AU-IBAR of the jurisdiction of the courts of any country.

2. The present MoU and any document or arrangement relating thereto shall be governed by general principles of law, to the exclusion of any single national system of law. Such general principles of law shall include UNIDROIT General Principles of International Commercial Contracts 2016.

Article 11: Settlement of disputes

Any dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation and execution of this MoU, or any document or arrangement relating thereto, shall be settled by negotiation between the Parties. Any differences that may not be so settled shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Heads of the two institutions for final resolution.

Article 12: Contacts for correspondence

All correspondence regarding the implementation of this MoU, including notifications made pursuant to this MoU, shall be addressed to:

For AU-IBAR: Dr. Huyam Salih, Director of AU-IBAR, Kenindia Business Park, Museum Hill, Westland Road P.O Box 30786-00100, Nairobi, Kenya Email: huyam.salih@au-ibar.org.

For IZSLT: Dr. Giovanni Brajon – Direttore Sanitario of IZSLT, Via Appia Nuova 1411, 00178 - Rome, Italy, giovanni.brajon@izslt.it

Article 13: Notification and amendments

1. Each Party shall promptly notify the other in writing of any anticipated or actual material changes that shall affect the execution of this MoU.
2. This MoU may be amended by mutual consent in writing at any time at the request of either Party. Such amendments shall enter into force one (1) month following notifications of consent by both Parties to the requested amendments or on a date otherwise agreed in writing for the amendment to enter into force. If the written mutual consent occurs on two (2) different dates, amendments will take effect on the date of the second notification. Each Party shall give sympathetic consideration to any amendment proposed by the other.

Article 14: Entry into force, duration and termination

1. This MoU shall be signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties and shall enter into force upon the date of last signature. It shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, unless terminated in accordance with the terms of this Article.
2. Subject to satisfactory past implementation, this MoU may be renewed for similar periods thereafter by written agreement between the Parties through an Exchange of Letters.
3. This MoU may be terminated by either Party upon the provision of three (3) months' written notice to the other Party.
4. Upon termination of this MoU, the rights and obligations of the Parties defined under any other legal agreement executed pursuant to this MoU shall cease to be effective.
5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any termination of this MoU shall be without prejudice to: (i) the orderly completion of any ongoing collaborative activity; and (ii) any other rights and obligations of the Parties accrued prior to the date of termination under this MoU or any legal agreement executed pursuant to this MoU.
6. The provisions of Articles 7, 8 and 11 shall survive the expiry or termination of this MoU.

Signed on behalf of The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources:

Legal representative of AU-IBAR

Dr. Huyam Ahmed Mohammed Alamin Salih, Director of AU-IBAR

Signature:_____

Date:_____

Signed on behalf of the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale del Lazio e della Toscana ‘M. Aleandri’:

Legal representative of IZSLT

Dr. Stefano Palomba – Extraordinary Commissioner

Signature:_____

Date:_____