

Article 5: One Health
Approach for Pandemic
Prevention,
Preparedness and
Response

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Article 5 (yellowed)

1. The Parties shall promote a One Health approach for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, recognizing the interconnection between the health of people, animals and the environment, that is coherent, integrated, coordinated and collaborative among all relevant organizations, sectors and actors, as appropriate, in accordance with national and/or domestic law, and applicable international law, and taking into account national circumstances.

Article 5 (yellowed)

2. The Parties shall take measures, as appropriate aimed at identifying and addressing, in accordance with national and/or domestic law, and applicable international law, the drivers of pandemics and the emergence and reemergence of infectious disease at the human-animal-environment interface, through the introduction and integration of interventions into relevant pandemic prevention, preparedness and response plans subject to the availability of resources.

Article 5 (yellowed – other than where indicated)

- 3. Each Party shall, in accordance with national or domestic law and taking into account national and regional contexts, and subject to the availability of resources, take [measures, as appropriate,] [measures that it considers appropriate] [appropriate measures] aimed at promoting human, animal and environmental health, with support, as necessary and upon request, from WHO and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, including by:
 - (a)Developing, implementing and reviewing relevant national policies and strategies that reflect a One Health approach as it relates to pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, including promoting engagement of communities, in accordance with 17.3(a); and
 - (b)Promoting or establishing joint training and continuing education programmes for the workforce at the human, animal and environmental interface to build relevant and complementary skills, capacities and capabilities, in accordance with a One Health approach.

Article 17 (greened)

- 3. Each Party shall, taking into account its national circumstances:
 - (a) promote and facilitate the effective and meaningful engagement of Indigenous Peoples, communities, including local communities as appropriate, and relevant stakeholders, including through social participation, as part of a whole-of-society approach in planning, decision-making, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, strategies and measures, and also provide feedback opportunities;

Questions for consideration

 To what extent do the measures in Article 5 provide sufficient guidance on how to best operationalise One Health in PPPR?

• What role could PAHO play in supporting Member States meet the obligations set out in Article 5?