COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

The International Wool Textile Organization (IWTO)
an international association with its headquarters located at Rue de l'Industrie 4, B - 1000 Brussels, Belgium, represented by its Secretary General, Mrs. Elisabeth van Delden,

AND

THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)
an intergovernmental organization, created by the International Agreement for the creation of the Office International des Epizooties, done in Paris, 25 January 1924, with its headquarters located at 12 rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, France, represented by its Director General Dr Bernard Vallat,

Preamble

Considering that the IWTO was established in 1930, when the Statutes of the Organisation were approved in the International Wool Conference held in Bradford, England,

Considering that, according to these Statutes, IWTO is an Association of Organisations interested in the production, commerce and industry of wool and allied fibres and their finished products,

Considering that the IWTO monitors national and international animal welfare regulations set by Government or intergovernmental Organisations in order to determine the appropriate actions to promote the wool industry in relation to sustainability issues,

Considering that the OIE is recognised as a the reference organisation by the World Trade Organization (WTO) for international animal health standards,

Considering that the OIE works on safeguarding world trade by publishing health sanitary standards for international trade in animals and animal products for Member Countries to protect themselves from the introduction of diseases and pathogens and avoid their spread worldwide,

Considering that the OIE has become, at the request of its Member Countries, the leading international organisation for animal welfare

The OIE and the IWTO (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") have agreed to the following:
1. Objectives and scope of the cooperation

1.1 The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the International Wool Textile Organization (IWTO) will keep the other party informed of activities that may be of mutual interest.

1.2 Each Organisation will invite the other to participate as an observer in its meetings where matters of mutual interest may arise, and make the reports of these meetings available.

1.3 The OIE and IWTO will exchange their catalogue of publications to enable both organizations to request publications on activities related to their work. The OIE and IWTO will exchange free copies of documents and publications on subjects of mutual interest. Both organizations will benefit from the concessionary rates applied to their affiliated members or organizations for further orders of publications.

1.4. The two Organisations will endeavor to cooperate further through both formal and informal consultations on issues of common interest, in particular the exchange of views and participation at meetings on relevant aspects of animal welfare, which could impact the wool industry.

2. Term and Termination

This Agreement shall be effective as of its signature by both parties (the “Effective Date”) without any set duration, other than through termination in virtue of below paragraph.

Either party may terminate this Agreement at a jointly agreed time or by giving the other party three months advance written notice of termination.

3. Amendment

Any amendment to this Agreement shall be effected only on the basis of written mutual consent by the Parties.

4. Non-enforceability clause

This Agreement is a non-binding statement of the Parties’ mutual understanding of their proposed collaboration framework. The Agreement is not intended to create any legally enforceable rights or obligations in respect of either Party, including any obligation on their part to enter into any Supplemental Agreement.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized to do so, have executed this Agreement in the English language in two (2) counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Date: 5 February 2013

Mrs. Elisabeth van Delden                           Bernard Vallat
Secretary General                                         Director General
IWTO                                                   OIE