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### 3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ZOO NOTIC DISEASES PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Da Nang, 29 August 2017—An International conference on the Zoonotic diseases prevention and control opened today in Da Nang, Viet Nam, chaired by Viet Nam, Indonesia and Senegal. The Conference focuses on strengthening cooperation and sharing effective approaches to zoonotic diseases such as Avian Influenza, Ebola, Rabies, etc.

Building on previous Conference in Ha Noi, Viet Nam (2015) and Jakarta, Indonesia (2016), the Conference will review progress of the action plan over the past two years, and identify lessons and next steps to strengthen and coordinate prevention, surveillance, and response capacities to minimize the spill over and transmission of zoonotic diseases from animals (both domestic and wild) to human. A new coordination mechanism for countries and organizations participating in this initiative will also be introduced.

Viet Nam is represented at the Conference by Vice Minister of Health Nguyen Thanh Long and Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Vu Van Tam. The Conference co-chairs include Dr. Fuadi Darwis, Senior Advisor of the Advisory Board, National Disaster Management Authority of the Government of Indonesia, and Dr. Papa Serigne Seck, Technical Advisor of the Prime Minister of Senegal in charge of Animal Health, Livestock and Fisheries. Around 200 delegates from 16 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America and from 16 international and domestic organizations are attending the Conference. Technical advice to the meeting is being provided by international organizations led by the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Organization for Animal Health, and other development partners.

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> International conference on the Zoonotic diseases prevention and control is under the framework of the Zoonotic Disease Action Package (ZDAP) of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA).* The GHSA, launched in February 2014, is a partnership of 50 nations as well as international organizations and non-governmental stakeholders. The ZDAP including Viet Nam, Indonesia and Senegal, as three co-leading countries along with other 13 contributing countries work together to achieve the purpose of strengthening capacities of the GHSA participating countries in order to detect, prevent, and respond to global public health threats arising mainly from zoonotic diseases that could cause an outbreak, pandemic or Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) ([www.ghsagenda.org](http://www.ghsagenda.org)).

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