



41ST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTH-AMERICAN COMMISSION TO CONTROL FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

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RESOLUTION I

Regional Bank of Foot-and-Mouth Disease Antigens

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Considering:

- Resolution I of COSALFA 40, which calls for the preparation of a draft project for the establishment of a regional bank of foot-and-mouth disease antigens and vaccines;
- Only Brazil, Panama, and Uruguay have deposited their contributions and the deposited financial resources are insufficient for the preparation of the project's full version;
- The information needed for establishing the bank must include information on the national emergency attention plans;
- The project only makes sense as a regional initiative under PHEFA;
- A record has been made of the COSALFA 41 participants' comments on the content of the draft project for the establishment of a regional bank of foot-and-mouth disease antigens and vaccines, particularly on the Region's need to maintain the competence and capabilities for the production of vaccine;

Resolves

1. To urge the countries that have not yet contributed the funds required under the draft project to make their respective deposits as soon as possible, so that the technical group may prepare the final version of the project, including a cost/benefit analysis; and to urge further the ex-officio Secretariat to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of COSALFA to approve the project's final version.
2. To charge PANAFTOSA and the countries' Technical Experts Group with defining the biosecurity requirements to be met by the laboratories that will be the bank's suppliers; and with proposing the requisite evaluation mechanisms.
3. To charge PANAFTOSA and the countries' Technical Experts Group to perform a risk analysis to define the regional and exotic strains to be included in the bank for the production of antigens.
4. To urge the countries to prepare and/or update their national sanitary emergencies attention plans.

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RESOLUCIÓN II

Renewal of high-level political commitment to eradicating foot-and-mouth disease and to support PHEFA

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Considering:

- The countries of the region have demonstrated their permanent interest in and commitment to acting for the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease on the continent, and stressed the importance of such eradication for the development of their herds, food security, and the socioeconomic benefit of their peoples;
- The Ministers of Agriculture and of Health gathered at the 1987 RIMSAs decided to establish the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease-PHEFA and approved the 1988-2009 Action Plan for the disease's eradication;
- The Ministers and Secretaries of agriculture, livestock, and health and the representatives of cattle-raiser associations and other organizations involved in the livestock production chain gathered at the 2004 Hemispheric Conference on Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease held in Houston renewed their political, technical, financial, and administrative commitment to eradicate foot-and-mouth disease in the Americas; and set up under COHEFA the Inter-American Group for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease-GIEFA;
- For ten years GIEFA has coordinated strategic alliances on a continental level to realize the commitment to eradicate foot-and-mouth disease, mobilizing resources and carrying out political advocacy before the countries to elicit support for PHEFA;
- The 2010 Extraordinary Meeting of COHEFA approved PHEFA's 2011-2020 Action Plan, which established the strategic lineaments of national programs for the last phases of foot-and-mouth disease's eradication by 2020;
- In recent years most countries have enhanced their efforts and the continent has achieved the Action Plan's objectives; and for over two years the continent has recorded no foot-and-mouth disease foci, while some countries and states have recorded no case of the disease for more than ten years, a sign that PHEFA has entered its last phase;
- PAHO, as an intergovernmental institution, discharges through PANAFITSA the function of a Reference Center on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and has played its role in extending technical cooperation to the countries under PHEFA, particularly in the final phase of eradication, especially in border zones;



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- In the last phase of eradication major challenges present themselves, making indispensable the strengthening of technical cooperation in its reference character as well as the redirecting of strategies adjusted to this phase;

Resolves

1. To thank PAHO for its significant contribution and continuing support to the countries toward the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in the sixty-three years of PANAFOSA's existence.
2. To request GIEFA to convene a conference on the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease to establish and agree on action commitments demanded by the challenges of the last eradication phase, particularly in border zones in need of protection programs.
3. To request PAHO to convene a regular meeting of the Hemispheric Commitment for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (COHEFA) to review the achievements and the challenges related to PHEFA's objective and to ratify, at the countries' highest political level, their firm commitment to eradicate foot-and-mouth disease in South America.

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RESOLUTION III **PHEFA's 2014-2015 Biennial Plan**

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Considering:

- At the COSALFA 41 Regular Meeting the delegates were presented with the 2014-2015 Biennial Plan for their information, evaluation, and commentaries (Attached document);
- The countries agreed on the proposed technical cooperation actions by PANAFTOSA under PHEFA and concurred that these actions are crucial for PHEFA's implementation and the achievement of its goals;
- The member countries agreed on fully financing the actions approved under the 2014-2015 Biennial Plan;

Resolves

1. To bestow unanimous approval on the 2014-2015 Biennial Plan for PANAFTOSA's Technical Cooperation.
2. To have the public and private sectors represented at COSALFA to commit themselves to manage and provide the funds required under the Biennial Plan's budget to ensure the implementation of the technical cooperation actions and PHEFA's follow-up.
3. To charge PANAFTOSA with orienting the countries in respect of the specific mechanisms (Trust Fund, Agreements, Accords, and Technical Cooperation Terms) that will enable PAHO/WHO to receive funds from the member countries for implementing the technical cooperation actions under PHEFA.

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RESOLUTION IV

Admission of Surinam as a member of COSALFA

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Considering:

- At COSALFA 41 Surinam's Head of Veterinary Services expressed his country's interest in becoming a COSALFA member;
- Whereas the expression of this interest to COSALFA's Committee of the Whole was favorably received by the delegates;

Resolves:

1. To acknowledge Surinam's interest, as expressed by its Head of Veterinary Services to COSALFA 41, in being accepted as a COSALFA member vested with a member's full rights and duties.
2. To charge PANAFTOSA, as COSALFA's Secretariat, with adopting the requisite protocol and administrative measures to process the documents and acts pertaining to Surinam's adhesion do COSALFA.

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RESOLUTION V

Expression of appreciation to FAO and PANAFTOSA

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Considering:

- The significant improvement of the sanitary situation in respect of foot-and-mouth disease in South America (Andean subregion), which has created more favorable conditions for livestock production and food security as regards rural products in COSALFA member countries;
- This favorable scenario raises new production and sanitary challenges, particularly in connection with the consolidation and maintenance of the advances under PHEFA, which have to be met so that the disease may be eradicated;

Resolves:

1. To express its appreciation to FAO and PANAFTOSA/PAHO for their significant and decisive support in the form of technical cooperation extended to national and regional programs for control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease.
2. To urge the two organizations to maintain international cooperation so as to ensure the consolidation of the results achieved and to contribute toward eradication's final phase.

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RESOLUCIÓN VI

Peru's Foot-and-Mouth Disease Program

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Considering:

- The Peruvian Delegation made a presentation on the current situation and the results achieved in the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease on the territory of the Republic of Peru;

Resolves

1. To compliment the Government of the Republic of Peru for ascribing strategic priority to animal health in accordance with its policy of institutional improvement of the agricultural and livestock sector, particularly under the program aimed at eradicating foot-and-mouth disease from its territory.

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RESOLUTION VII
Expression of Appreciation

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Considering:

- The excellent conditions provided by Peru's government and private sector for the holding of the 41st Regular Meeting of COSALFA and the Pre-COSALFA International Seminar;

Resolves

1. To express its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Peru, represented by its Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Mr. Juan Manuel Benítez, for the political support and commitment to COSALFA 41, and especially for the attention and dedication of the staff of the National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA), represented by its National Director, Mr. Jorge Barrenechea.
2. To put into record its appreciation for Dr. Miguel Quevedo Valle, SENASA's General Director and Chairman of COSALFA 41, as well as for all the personnel involved in this event's organization for their hospitality and warmth during the course of the 41st Regular Meeting of COSALFA.

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RESOLUTION VIII
Designation of COSALFA 42's Host Country

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Considering:

- The Delegation of Ecuador submitted to consideration its country's offer to host COSALFA's 42nd Regular Meeting;
- The support expressed by the delegations to Ecuador's offer;

Resolves

1. To express appreciation for the offer and designate Ecuador as the host country of COSALFA's 42nd Regular Meeting on a date to be established in April 2015.

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