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RESOLUTION I

Regional Foot-and-Mouth Disease Antigens and Vaccines Bank

The 42nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA,

Considering:

- That Resolution I of COSALFA 40 calls for the drafting of a Project on the establishment of a regional foot-and-mouth disease antigens and vaccines bank to be used by COSALFA members;
- That PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO has submitted a draft version of the Bank Project to COSALFA 41, approved under Resolution I, and was entrusted with the preparation of the definitive Project;
- That PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO's report to COSALFA 42 points out that major progress has been made in the Project's development, although its preparation is still under way;
- That PAHO has submitted legal and administrative considerations that should be taken into account by the Project; and
- That PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO has submitted for review and comments two documents with proposals on biosecurity requirements and an evaluation mechanism.

Resolves:

1. To express its appreciation to PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO and to the group of experts for their efforts to move forward in the Project's preparation.
2. To reiterate COSALFA's decision to delegate the management and administration of the future BANVACO to PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO.
3. To ask PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to assign priority to concluding the preparation of the Project by September 2015.
4. To ask the countries to continue to facilitate their experts' participation.
5. To ask the countries that have not yet contributed financial resources as called for under previous COSALFA Resolutions to do it as soon as possible.

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RESOLUTION II **Addressing PHEFA's Last Stage**

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Considering:

- That the South American region has had no notifications of foot-and-mouth disease clinical cases for over three years; that more than 90 percent of the bovine population enjoys free status with or without vaccination; and that, with the exception of Venezuela and Suriname, all the countries of the region have been recognized by the OIE as free of the disease or are soon to be recognized as such(Ecuador);
- That this progress indicates that the last stage of the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA) has definitely started, and that major challenges predicted under the 2011-2020 Plan of Action should be promptly faced, on a priority basis;
- That progression from a free status with vaccination to a free status without vaccination is a transition that requires sufficient evidence that the risk of infection, both internally and externally, has been mitigated, and that all vulnerabilities have been attended to, so as to protect the population from the risk of introduction;
- That there are historical precedents of patterns of circulation of strains of the foot-and-mouth disease virus at the subregional level, which should be taken into account by the countries in their decision-making for the last stage;
- That evidences for the evaluation of the risk of foot-and-mouth disease are proportional to the surveillance systems' activities, which are thus determinant of the quality of information and of health management decisions;
- That these challenges require technical and epidemiological lineaments and consensually validated and harmonized methodologies using the ultimate scientific knowledge, experience, and lessons learned in the countries of the region while fighting this disease for over 60 years; and
- That PHEFA's current stage provides the opportunity for an evaluation of the internal and external foot-and-mouth disease risks in the countries free with vaccination and of the vulnerabilities of the Official Veterinary Services for addressing the next stage.



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Resolves:

1. To ask PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to set up a group of experts under its technical direction and coordination for submitting, within a maximum of six months, a draft Technical Work Guide indicating the technical and epidemiological lineaments and methodologies for addressing the main challenges at the country and subregional levels during PEHFA's last stage.
2. To ask PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of COSALFA before the year's end for being informed of and analyzing the technical work proposal and establishing agreements pertaining thereto.
3. To ask the countries to facilitate as well as to finance the participation of the experts called upon to take part in the previously mentioned work.

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RESOLUTION III

Support to the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Eradication Program of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

The 42nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA,

Considering:

- Resolutions of COSALFAs 38, 39, and 40 in respect of the National Foot-and-Mouth Disease Eradication Program of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;
- The presentation by the delegate of Venezuela's official sector about the national commitment to the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, and the request of technical cooperation for strengthening its program;
- The recommendation of OIE's Scientific Commission on validation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela's Foot-and-Mouth Disease Program;
- COSALFA's need to know the degree of progress of Venezuela's Foot-and-Mouth Disease Program in light of the countries' commitment under PHEFA;
- The manifest intention of all delegates to support, in solidarity and effectively, the health authority and the productive sector of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; and
- The frequent absence of representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela's private sector at COSALFA meetings.

Resolves:

1. To reiterate COSALFA member countries' commitment to extending support for the Program's strengthening, and to ask PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to undertake a mission for establishing a plan of technical cooperation with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela's Foot-and-Mouth Disease Eradication Program under PHEFA.
2. To ask the Government of Venezuela to ensure, through its institutions, the conditions and the requisite support for receiving technical cooperation.
3. To ask the official sector of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to undertake the requisite measures to allow the private sector to effectively participate in COSALFA's activities and in its meetings.

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RESOLUTION IV

French Guyana

The 42nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA,

Considering:

- That COSALFA needs to know and closely and effectively follow up the course of actions for combating foot-and-mouth disease in South America and Panama, in line with the commitments under PHEFA;
- That French Guyana is a French Republic's administrative region and department, located in South America, and that as such it shares with the other South American countries geographical factors of risk of the emergence and dissemination of foot-and-mouth disease; and
- That the French Republic's Veterinary Services have consistently attended COSALFA meetings.

Resolves

1. To express its appreciation to the authorities of the French Republic's Official Veterinary Services for their continuous interest in the activities to combat foot-and-mouth disease in South America and for their participation in COSALFA meetings.
2. To ask the French Republic's Official Veterinary Services to provide information on foot-and-mouth disease prevention programs in French Guyana, in accordance with the reporting standards agreed by the member countries.
3. To ask French Republic authorities to authorize a technical visit to French Guyana by COSALFA member countries in conjunction with PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO.

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RESOLUTION V

Recognition of Ecuador as a Country Free of Foot-and-Mouth Disease

The 42nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA,

Considering:

- The Ecuadorian Delegation's presentation about the progress made and the challenges faced by Ecuador's National Foot-and-Mouth Disease Program;
- That COSALFA 42 has learned that Ecuador has been informed, through the Ecuadorian Agency for Ensuring Agricultural Quality (AGROCALIDAD), that the Scientific Commission of the Animal Health World Organization (OIE), Paris, has endorsed its application for recognition of the Ecuadorian Continental territory as free of foot-and-mouth disease with vaccination, and of the Ecuadorian Insular territory as free without vaccination; and that it has also recommended that the World Assembly of OIE Delegates to be held in May 2015, in Paris, grant Ecuador such recognition;
- That international recognition of Ecuador as a country free of foot-and-mouth disease will be a historical health landmark as well as an achievement of utmost importance and a motive of pride for our Region in its fight against foot-and-mouth disease;
- That this recognition is a result of the Ecuadorian Government's decisive political and financial support, the collective effort of health authorities and of AGROCALIDAD professionals, the commitment of the Ecuadorian livestock sector, and PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO's technical cooperation;
- That a contribution to this success has been the decisive cooperation of donors of the public and private sectors of Paraguay, Brazil, and Uruguay, working in conjunction with PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO, which made available experts and infrastructure to Ecuador, as well as supporting the financing of technical cooperation; and
- That the National Government of Ecuador has assigned priority to the eradication and prevention of foot-and-mouth disease as a state strategic objective, extending firm political and financial support to it.



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Resolves:

1. To compliment the National Government of Ecuador on its extraordinary achievement in the health field and on its express political will to assign the highest priority to the eradication and prevention of foot-and-mouth disease.
2. To compliment AGROCALIDAD on its excellent leadership and technical work and on the great effort spent.
3. To compliment the Ecuadorian productive sector on its commitment to the disease's eradication.
4. To compliment the countries of the region on their initiative to extend technical and financial support to Ecuador; and to urge them to continue and to increase the solidary support among countries for moving forward toward the eradication and prevention of foot-and-mouth disease.

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RESOLUTION VI

Expression of Appreciation to Dr. José Naranjo

The 42nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA,

Considering:

- Dr. José Naranjo's retirement from the Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO); and
- Dr. José Naranjo's academic vocation, scientific rigor, and habitual lecturing on epidemiology, which imparted a special, unique style to the technical cooperation he extended to Public Veterinary Health.

Resolves:

1. To express appreciation to Dr. Naranjo for his devotion, dedication, and talent, as well as for his scientific and technical contribution to the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA), an example and testimony to be heeded by new generations committed to society's welfare.
2. To thank Dr. Naranjo for his vision and clear-sighted contribution during the years he has served PANAFTOSA and the ideal of an America free of foot-and-mouth disease, a target now close to being achieved.

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RESOLUTION VII
Words of Appreciation

The 42nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA,

Considering:

- The excellent environment created by official and private sector authorities of Ecuador for the 42nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA and the PRE-COSALFA International Seminar.

Resolves:

1. To express its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, represented by Mr. Javier Ponce Cevallos, its Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Aquiculture, and Fisheries, for the political support and commitment to COSALFA 42; and particularly for the care and dedication on the part of the staff of the Ecuadorian Agency for Ensuring Agriculture Quality (AGROCALIDAD), represented by Mr. Diego Vizcaino Cabezas, its Executive Director.
2. To express its appreciation to Dr. Javier Vargas Estrella, National Animal Health Coordinator at AGROCALIDAD, and to all the personnel involved in the organization of the event, for the hospitality and warmth demonstrated during the 42nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA and the PRE-COSALFA International Seminar.
3. To express its appreciation to the Ecuadorian Productive Sector for its active participation in the organization of the event, and for the generosity and warmth demonstrated throughout the meetings.

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RESOLUTION VIII

Designation of COSALFA 43's Host Country

The 42nd Regular Meeting of COSALFA,

Considering:

- That the Uruguayan Delegation has submitted to consideration its country's offer to host COSALFA's 43rd Regular Meeting; and
- That the delegations have expressed their acceptance of Uruguay's offer.

Resolves:

1. To thank Uruguay for its offer to host the 43rd Regular Meeting of COSALFA, to be held in that country, at a location and on the dates to be defined in April 2016.

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Español:

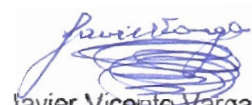
EN FE DE LO CUAL, el Presidente de la Reunión, Dr. Javier Vicente Vargas Estrella, Coordinador General de Sanidad Animal de la Agencia Ecuatoriana de Aseguramiento de la Calidad del Agro – AGROCALIDAD, el Director del Centro Panamericano de Fiebre Aftosa – PANAFTOSA-OPS/OMS, Secretario ex officio de la COSALFA, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi y los delegados del sector público y del sector privado de los países miembros de la COSALFA firman la lista de presencia a la 42ª Reunión Ordinaria de la COSALFA, realizada en Quito, Ecuador, los días 16 y 17 de abril del año dos mil y quince.

Português:

EM FE DO QUAL, o Presidente da Reunião, Dr. Javier Vicente Vargas Estrella, *Coordinador General de Sanidad Animal de la Agencia Ecuatoriana de Aseguramiento de la Calidad del Agro – AGROCALIDAD*, o Diretor do Centro Pan-Americano de Febre Aftosa – PANAFTOSA-OPAS/OMS, Secretario ex officio da COSALFA, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi e os delegados do setor público e do setor privado dos países membros da COSALFA assinam a lista de presença da 42ª Reunião Ordinária da COSALFA, realizada Quito, Equador, nos dias 16 e 17 de abril do ano de dois mil e quinze.

English:

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the Chairman of the Meeting Dr. Javier Vicente Vargas Estrella, *Coordinador General de Sanidad Animal de la Agencia Ecuatoriana de Aseguramiento de la Calidad del Agro – AGROCALIDAD*, the Director of the Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center - PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO, Secretary ex officio of COSALFA, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi and the Delegates of the public and private sectors of the member countries, have signed the present list of participants at the 42nd COSALFA Ordinary Meeting, held in Quito, Ecuador, on 16 and 17 April 2015.



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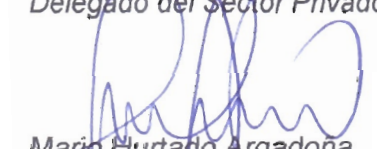
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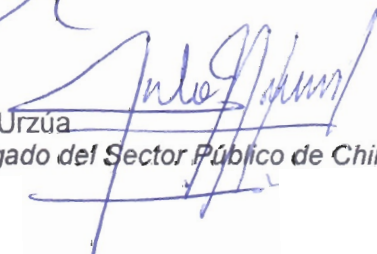
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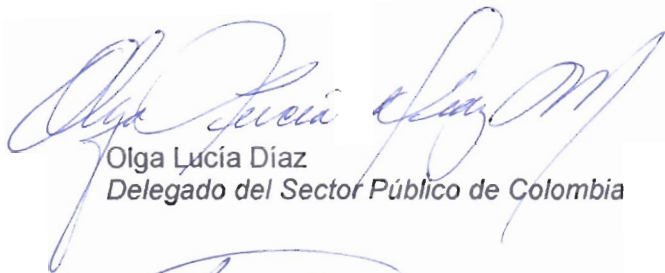


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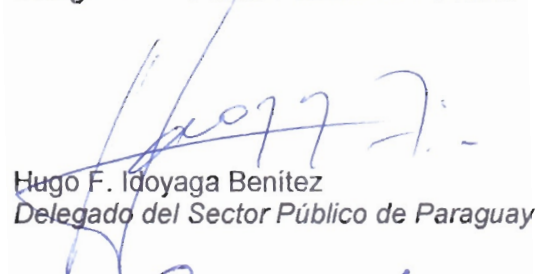


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