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RESOLUTION

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VI INTER-AMERICAN MEETING, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, ON FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE AND ZOONOSES CONTROL

THE 22nd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the Final Report of the VI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE70/10);

Bearing in mind the need to improve the quantity and quality of animal vaccines, particularly for rabies; and

Considering the urgent need to expand activities for the training of animal health assistants in order to achieve the goals of animal health programs,

RESOLVES

1. To take note of the Final Report of the VI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE70/10) submitted by the Director of the Bureau.

- 2. To commend the Ministries of Agriculture for the efforts they have made toward controlling these diseases which are of importance to human and animal health and which at the same time are retarding the countries' socioeconomic development.
- 3. To recommend to the Member Governments that they reinforce their surveillance and improve diagnostic capability with a view to detecting and controlling vesicular diseases, rabies, equine encephalitis, and diseases exotic to the Americas, which could cause very serious damage to the livestock industry.
- 4. To reaffirm its support of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center and the Pan American Zoonoses Center and the programs they are conducting.
- 5. To commend the Ministries of Health and the Ministries of Agriculture for their cooperative efforts to improve the nutritional status of the people of their countries, in particular by preventing losses of food of animal origin.

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