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**21st DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
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***RESOLUTION***

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**V INTER-AMERICAN MEETING, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL,  
ON FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE AND ZOOSES CONTROL**

*THE 21<sup>st</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having considered the Final Report of the V Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CD21/5);

Recognizing the importance of strengthening the coordination of activities carried out by the ministries of agriculture and of health in the field of human and animal health;

Mindful of the need for continued efforts in manpower development in animal health planning;

Being aware of the seriousness of the public health hazards resulting from the indiscriminate use of pesticides, particularly in view of the lack of adequate legislation or of analytical laboratories to aid in the needed remedial action; and

Noting that the forthcoming completion of the Pan American Highway through the Darien Gap will increase the risk of introduction of certain diseases of human and animal significance into areas now free of them,

***RESOLVES***

1. To take note of the Final Report of the V Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CD21/5).
2. To emphasize the advisability of having representatives of the ministries of health attend future Inter-American Meetings on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control, in order to obtain a better coordination of activities in this field.
3. To express its thanks to the ministries of agriculture for their endeavors in the control of these diseases of human and animal health significance, which, if allowed to persist, would hinder the economic and social development of the countries.
4. To recommend to the Governments that they give serious consideration to the impending hazards to human and animal health resulting from the application and indiscriminate use of pesticides, and that they put into practice the recommendations contained in Resolution XV approved at the V Inter-American Meeting on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control.
5. 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.
6. To emphasize the need for greater cooperation between the ministries of agriculture and of health and international organizations in order to more effectively control animal diseases as a feasible measure for improving human health in the Hemisphere.

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