



COSALFA 38 RESOLUTIONS

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**Pan American
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Veterinary Public Health
Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center

RESOLUTION I

Strategic Technical Framework for Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the Americas

COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

- That since 1988 a Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the Americas (PHEFA) has been in place as the strategic/technical framework approved and adopted by the countries of the Americas under which the process of eradication of foot-and-mouth disease on the American continent is being carried out, with major achievements by the countries;
- That at COHEFA's Second Special Meeting, held in December 2010, the delegates of the American countries approved the new 2011-2020 PHEFA Action Plan which under PANAFTOSA's coordination is the strategic technical framework for eradication of foot-and-mouth disease on the American continent;
- That the FAO and the OIE have agreed to undertake worldwide actions under the Progressive Control Pathway for Foot-and-Mouth Disease Control in accordance with the GFTADs; and
- That PHEFA is at an advanced stage in South America, where 88 percent of bovine herds enjoy the status of foot-and-mouth disease free,

Resolves:

1. To reiterate that PEHFA is the strategic, technical framework adopted by the countries with a view to eradication of foot-and-mouth disease.
2. To ask international and regional cooperation organizations as well as the countries to devise and implement their cooperation plans in respect of foot-and-mouth disease in accordance with the 2011-2020 PHEFA Action Plan.

(Approved at the plenary session of April 1, 2011)

RESOLUTION II

Analysis of the tests on FDM virus samples from Ecuador

- COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

- That the results of laboratory studies done by PANAFTOSA on samples submitted by AGROCALIDAD/Ecuador pertaining to foci recorded in 2010 were presented in a summary fashion;
- That the analysis methodology used for their interpretation was substantiated;
- That it was concluded that the FMD strains active in Ecuador in 2010 belonged to the 01 subtype and to the Euro-South American topotype, and that genetic modifications were present in some samples;
- That some data in AGROCALIDAD's information and surveillance system do not support evidence that these modifications have caused a significant negative impact;
- That although they did not coincide with the vaccine matching analyses, the results of OIE reference laboratories did coincide in recommending that for the next vaccination cycle the same type of vaccine current in the region be used, and that a vaccine of proven potency be used according to the criteria established by the official veterinary service of the country of origin of the biologic material;
- That there are results and interpretation discrepancies among the different laboratories as regards the vaccine matching tests, which were discussed at the OIE reference laboratories meeting (Lima, March 14-15, 2011); and
- That Ecuador's Official Service asked PANAFTOSA to coordinate all technical cooperation activities (field and laboratory) directed at Ecuador,

Resolves:

1. That PANAFTOSA should coordinate the complementary studies (field and laboratory) of strains isolated from FDM foci in Ecuador, in close cooperation with AGROCALIDAD, taking into account the recommendations of the meeting of OIE reference laboratories (Lima, March 14-15, 2011)

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RESOLUTION III

ANDEAN AREA: Strengthening of national foot-and-mouth disease eradication programs and actions along international borders

- COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

- Ecuador's and Venezuela's commitment and efforts to overcome structural and operational limitations of the foot-and-mouth disease control and eradication programs;
- Recognition of the high risk posed by areas along these countries' international borders for Colombia as an FMD-free country with vaccination;
- The wish expressed by the Ecuadorian and Venezuelan delegates at the International Seminary and at the COSALFA meeting about the need to reinforce the joint, harmonic work in the international border areas; and
- The interest and wish expressed by the Venezuelan delegate to receive technical cooperation from PANAFOTOSA and other international cooperation organizations for the country's national program and international border area,

Resolves:

1. To ask Ecuador's and Venezuela's Official Services and delegates to commit themselves in earnest to their systematic organization and to participation in binational border meetings with Colombia, Guyana, and other neighbor countries.
2. To urge PANAFOTOSA to attach priority to and coordinate technical cooperation to the countries involved and to participate actively in the programming and follow-up of work commitments agreed at international border meetings.

(Approved at the plenary session
of April 1, 2011)

RESOLUTION IV
Implementation of PHEFA'S Follow-up Mechanism

COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

- That as Resolution II of the Second COHEFA Special Meeting reasserts that PNAFTOSA should be entrusted with the management of the 2011-2020 PHEFA Action Plan, [the decision is made] to ask PANAFTOSA to set up a working group with the countries to follow up the 2011-2020 PHEFA Action Plan at COHEFA,

Resolves:

1. To urge PANAFTOSA to set up within sixty days the working group to start the establishment and implementation of the 2011-2020 PHEFA Action Plan's follow-up mechanism.

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of April 1, 2011)

RESOLUTION V

Support of PANAFTOSA and adherence to the Trust Fund for financing technical cooperation

COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

- The fundamental role played in the fight against foot-and-mouth disease by the Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center, a crucial factor for the significant progress achieved toward FMD eradication on the continent;
- The Brazilian Government's significant, generous, and consistent support to the financing and maintenance of the PANAFTOSA facilities in Duque de Caxias, Rio de Janeiro, over the last sixty years;
- The consistent political and technical support of the Pan-American Health Organization to the cause of FMD eradication on the continent, channeled through PANAFTOSA as well as through its various units and representations on the continent;
- The need to reinforce the combat actions at the last stage of eradication pursuant to the PHEFA Action Plan, particularly in the priority countries and zones; and
- The recent establishment by PAHO/WHO of a mechanism for financing PANAFTOSA's technical cooperation through a Trust Fund,

Resolves:

1. To express appreciation and gratitude to the Brazilian Government and to PAHO/WHO for their invaluable support to the countries in respect of FMD eradication on the continent.
2. To ask both the Brazilian Government and the Pan-American Health Organization's Director to continue the support they have provided over the last sixty years.
3. To urge the countries, cattle-raisers organizations, and sectors of the livestock production chain to adhere to the aforesaid mechanism, to subscribe to the respective agreements, and to make contributions to the extent of their possibilities.
4. To recommend that the official sectors make budgetary appropriations for contributing to the Trust Fund.

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RESOLUTION VI
Ecuadorian Official Service's FMD Eradication Program

COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

- The substantial, detailed information provided by the Ecuadorian Delegation on the FMD sanitary situation in Ecuador and of the country's eradication program;
- Ecuador's need to strengthen its Official Veterinary Service to meet fully the requirements of the FMD eradication programs pursuant the stated regional eradication objectives;
- The need to strengthen the forthcoming immunization campaigns and the control of animal movements with official short- and medium-term actions;
- The need to coordinate the assistance and technical cooperation efforts to make them more effective and efficient; and
- The Ecuadorian Delegation's request to PANAFTOSA to maintain and attach priority to technical cooperation to Ecuador,

Resolves:

1. To express to the Ecuadorian Government the COSALFA delegates' satisfaction over its political determination to assign the FMD eradication program to the category of "Emblematic Program," as well as complimenting the efforts of AGROCALIDAD, its Official Veterinary Service, toward the reformulation and strengthening of the FMD eradication program under its responsibility.
2. To ask PANAFTOSA to maintain, on a priority basis, and to coordinate the technical cooperation it is extending the Official Sanitary Service, particularly in respect of vaccination campaigns, animal movement, and laboratory diagnostic.
3. To urge the countries and cooperation organizations pertaining to FMD to concentrate their efforts in support of the official sanitary service, in coordination with PANAFTOSA.

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of April 1, 2011)

RESOLUTION VII

Strengthening of Venezuela's foot-and-mouth disease eradication program

COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

That the Venezuelan Delegation asked PANAFTOSA/PAHO/WHO to undertake, jointly with FAO, technical advisory missions to Venezuela for the following purposes:

- To characterize the country epidemiologically and to do its zoning;
- To evaluate and to strengthen the national FMD combating program, placing emphasis on support for the preparation of a legal framework; and
- To set up and hold meetings for establishing the border action plan with Colombia, Guyana, and Brazil,

Resolves:

1. To express to the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela the COSALFA 38 delegate' satisfaction over the interest shown by the Venezuelan Delegation in receiving support and technical cooperation from cooperation agencies of the countries of the region.
2. To accomplish the preceding, PANAFOSA is asked to coordinate the first working meeting provisionally scheduled for the first week of May 2011.

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of April 1, 2011)

RESOLUTION VIII

Strengthening of Bolivia's foot-and-mouth disease eradication program

COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

- The technical cooperation extended by PANAFTOSA and the countries of the Southern Cone to the Official Sanitary Service of the Plurinational State of Bolivia;
- The progress achieved owing to the implementation of the adjustments to the National Foot-and-Mouth Disease Eradication Program;
- The determination shown by the Bolivian Government to address the phase of foot-and-mouth eradication;
- The thoughts expressed by the Bolivian private sector's delegate on better coordination and integration of the official service with the provincial services and the private sector pursuant to the country's new political-administrative order and the PHEFA guidelines,

Resolves:

1. To ask PANAFTOSA to continue to assign priority to the technical cooperation it extends to Bolivia's FMD Eradication Program.
2. To recommend that Bolivia's Official Service ensure the incorporation of the private sector and the provincial governments as part of the country's sanitary structure.

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of April 1, 2011)

RESOLUTION IX

Expression of appreciation to COSALFA 38's host country

COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

- The warm reception and hospitality shown by the official authorities and representatives of private sector of Brazil, particularly of the State of Pernambuco, represented by the staff of the Agriculture and Livestock Defense and Inspection Agency-ADAGRO and of the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Supply-MAPA in connection with COSALFA 38's Regular Meeting and the International Pre-COSALFA Seminar,

Resolves:

1. To thank the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, as represented by Dr. Erivânia Camelo de Almeida, Head of the Animal Health Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Supply-MAPA; the Brazilian private sector, represented by the Brazilian Agriculture and Livestock Confederation-CNA; and Brazil's veterinary pharmaceutical industry and other sector entities for their generous, warm hospitality during the Seminar and the Meeting.

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RESOLUTION X
Designation of the Location for COSALFA 39

COSALFA'S 38TH REGULAR MEETING,

Considering:

- The friendly, generous offer of the Paraguayan Delegation to host the next COSALFA; and
- The expressions of support and agreement of the other delegations to the Paraguayan Delegation's offer,

Resolves:


To accept with thanks Paraguay's offer to host COSALFA 39 in a city and on a date to be defined later.

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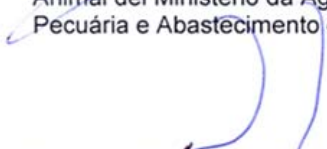
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Meeting's Chairman, Dr. Guilherme Henrique Marques, Head of the Animal Health Department, Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Supply-MAPA, and Dr. Ottorino Cosivi, Director of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center-PANAFTOSA and COSALFA's Ex Officio Secretary, together with the delegates of the public and private sectors of the COSALFA member countries affix their hand on the list of participants of COSALFA's Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting, held in the city of Recife, State of Pernambuco, Brazil, March 31-April 1, 2011.



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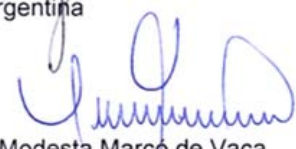
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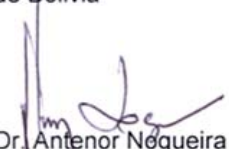
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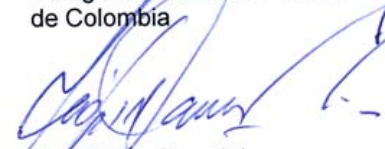


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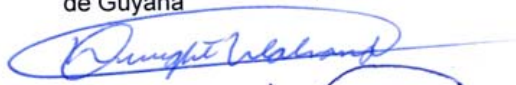
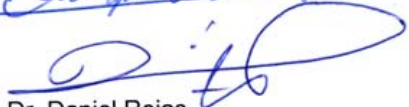

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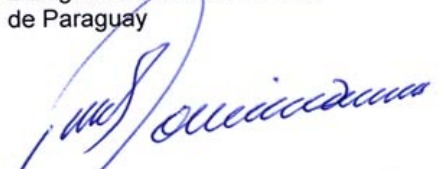

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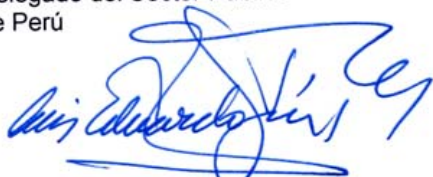
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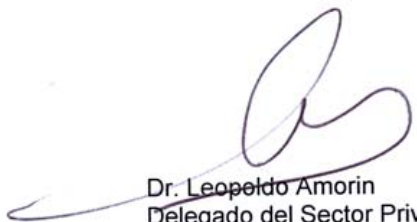



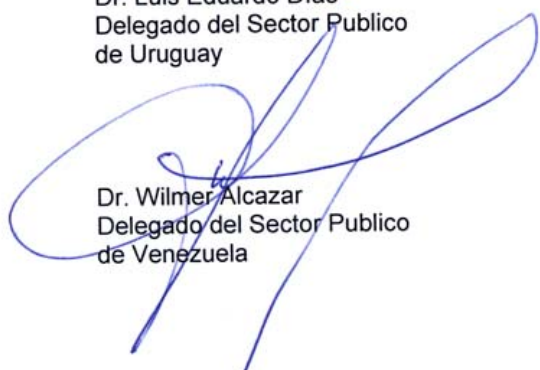
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