

# Resolutions

**Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE**

**during its 75th General Session**

**20 – 25 May 2007**



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RESOLUTION No. I

**Approval of the Annual Report of the Director General on the Activities of the OIE in 2006 and the Report on the Animal Disease Status World-wide in 2006 and the Beginning of 2007**

In accordance with Article 6 of the Organic Rules of the OIE,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

to approve the Annual Report of the Director General on the Activities of the OIE in 2006 (75 SG/1) and the Report on the Animal Disease Status World-wide in 2006 and the beginning of 2007 (75 SG/2).

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 23 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. II

**Approval of the Report of the Director General on the Management, Activities  
and Administrative Work of the OIE in 2006**

In accordance with Article 6 of the Organic Rules of the OIE,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

to approve the Report of the Director General on the Management, Activities and Administrative Work of the OIE during the 80th Financial Year (1 January – 31 December 2006) (75 SG/3).

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. III

**Approval of the Financial Report for the 80th Financial Year of the OIE  
(1 January – 31 December 2006)**

In application of Article 15 of the Internal Statutes and Article 6 of the Organic Rules of the OIE,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

to approve the Financial Report for the 80th Financial Year of the OIE (1 January – 31 December 2006) (75 SG/4).

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. IV

**Budgetary Income and Expenses for the 82nd Financial Year of the OIE  
(1 January – 31 December 2008)**

**RESERVED ON DELEGATES**

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RESOLUTION No. V

**Financial Contributions from OIE Member Countries for 2008**

**RESERVED ON DELEGATES**

RESOLUTION No. VI

**Renewal of the Appointment of the External Auditor**

In accordance with Article 12.1. of the Financial Regulations concerning the appointment of the External Auditor and the renewal of her mandate,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

To renew for a period of one year (2007) the mandate of Mrs Marie-Pierre Cordier as OIE External Auditor.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. VII

**Acknowledgements to the Governments of Member Countries and Intergovernmental Organisations that made Voluntary Contributions or Subsidies to the OIE, or contributed in the Organisation of OIE Meetings**

Having noted the voluntary contributions or subsidies received by the OIE in 2006 and the meetings organised by the OIE in 2006,

THE COMMITTEE

REQUESTS

The Director General to sincerely thank the Governments of:

1. Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Cyprus, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, United States of America, Vietnam, and the European Commission, the FAO and the World Bank, for their voluntary contributions or subsidies to support the execution of the programmes of the OIE in 2006.
2. Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, the People's Republic of China, Croatia, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Georgia, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Laos, Lebanon, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mali, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Senegal, Serbia, Syria, Chad, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam for their contribution in the organisation of OIE Regional Conferences, seminars and workshops that were held during 2006.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. VIII

**Work Programme for 2008**

CONSIDERING

The examination and approval of the Third Strategic Plan by the International Committee during its 74th General Session in May 2006,

Resolution No. X adopted by the International Committee during the 74th General Session in May 2006,

THE COMMITTEE, ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

1. DECIDES

To approve the 2008 Work Programme prepared by the Director General (Annex I of document 75SG/6).

2. RECOMMENDS THAT

Member Countries provide the necessary support to allow the Work Programme to be carried out, in the form of payment of both regular contributions and voluntary contributions or subsidies when possible.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. IX

**Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)  
and the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)**

CONSIDERING

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that cooperation be established between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA),

The Agreement between the two organisations approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 21 February 2007 (75 SG/18),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this Agreement and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. X

**Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)  
and the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety for the Safe Supply of Affordable Food  
Everywhere Initiative (SSAFE)**

CONSIDERING

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that cooperation be established between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety for the Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere Initiative (SSAFE),

The Agreement between the OIE and SSAFE approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 21 February 2007 (75 SG/19),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this Agreement and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XI

**New Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)  
and the International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH)**

CONSIDERING

The Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH) adopted on 28 May 2002,

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, to update the terms of cooperation between the OIE and the IFAH,

The Agreement between the two organisations approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 17 May 2007 and signed by the Director General (75SG/20),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this new Agreement and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XII

**Extension of the Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and  
CABInternational (CABI)**

CONSIDERING

The Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and CABInternational (CABI) adopted by CABI on 27 July 2001 and by the OIE on 4 December 2001 and the extension of this Agreement signed on 3 February 2004 by CABI and on 10 February 2004 by the OIE,

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, to extend the application of the Agreement between the OIE and CABI to food safety issues,

The extension of the Agreement between the two organisations approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 17 May 2007 and signed by the Director General (75SG/21),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this extension of Agreement and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XIII

**Agreement between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)  
and the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS)**

CONSIDERING

That it is desirable, in the general interest of all concerned, that cooperation be established between the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS)

The Agreement between the two organisations approved following the deliberations of the Administrative Commission on 17 May 2007 (75 SG/24),

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To approve the terms of this Agreement and its signature by the Director General on behalf of the OIE.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XIV

**Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare**

CONSIDERING

That the International community at large recognise the OIE as the international standard-setting organisation for animal welfare,

That the International Committee has adopted international standards for animal welfare which recognise the need for humane treatment of sentient animals, while ensuring that these standards are science based,

That it is important to achieve acceptance worldwide of animal welfare as an issue of common concern and importance,

That a Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare, which establishes the importance of this issue for the humane treatment of sentient animals, would complement and promote the work of the OIE, and facilitate global acceptance of OIE standards and their application at a national, regional and global level,

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To support, in principle, the development of a Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare which calls on countries to acknowledge the importance of animal welfare and, at the same time, recognises the OIE as the established international animal welfare standard-setting body,

To encourage the efforts of governments seeking to support this goal,

To encourage the efforts of globally recognised animal welfare organisations seeking to achieve this goal,

To ask the Director General to continue with the development of scientific activities and standards in animal welfare.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XV

**Modification of the composition of the OIE Biological Standards Commission**

CONSIDERING

The increasing workload of the OIE Biological Standards Commission, hereafter referred to as the Laboratories Commission, which makes it necessary for this Commission to have one additional expert at its disposal,

The need for a wide geographical representation in the composition of this Commission, insofar as is possible,

GIVEN

The Terms of Reference, Internal Rules and Qualifications of the Members of the OIE Laboratories Commission adopted by the OIE International Committee on 22 May 2003,

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES THAT

Articles 1 and 2 of the Internal Rules of the OIE Laboratories Commission shall be abrogated and replaced by the articles hereafter:

“Article 1

The OIE Biological Standards Commission shall consist of a Bureau (comprised of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary General) and three other Members.

Article 2

The International Committee elects the Members of the Bureau individually and then the other three Members, taking into account the need for a geographically balanced representation, and the need for relevant expertise.

The Members of the Commission are elected for a period of three years.

The mandate of the Commission may be renewed by the International Committee. Positions should be filled as they fall vacant, before the elections referred to in the first paragraph.”

The elections corresponding to the additional position to be filled will take place in 2009, when the Commissions will be renewed.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XVI

**Modification of the composition of the OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases**

CONSIDERING

The increasing workload of the OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases, hereafter referred to as the Scientific Commission, which makes it necessary for this Commission to have one additional expert at its disposal,

The need for a wide geographical representation in the composition of this Commission, insofar as is possible,

GIVEN

The Terms of Reference, Internal Rules and Qualifications of the Members of the OIE Scientific Commission adopted by the OIE International Committee on 22 May 2003,

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES THAT

Articles 1 and 2 of the Internal Rules of the OIE Scientific Commission shall be abrogated and replaced by the articles hereafter:

“Article 1

The OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases shall consist of a Bureau (comprised of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary General) and three other Members.

Article 2

The International Committee elects the Members of the Bureau individually and then the other three Members, taking into account the need for a geographically balanced representation, and the need for relevant expertise.

The Members of the Commission are elected for a period of three years.

The mandate of the Commission may be renewed by the International Committee. Positions should be filled as they fall vacant, before the elections referred to in the first paragraph.”

The elections corresponding to the additional position to be filled will take place in 2009, when the Commissions will be renewed.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XVII

**Modification of the composition of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Commission**

CONSIDERING

The increasing workload of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission, hereafter referred to as the Aquatic Animals Commission, which makes it necessary for this Commission to have one additional expert at its disposal,

The need for a wide geographical representation in the composition of this Commission, insofar as is possible,

GIVEN

The Terms of Reference, Internal Rules and Qualifications of the Members of the OIE Aquatic Animals Commission adopted by the OIE International Committee on 22 May 2003,

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES THAT

Articles 1 and 2 of the Internal Rules of the OIE Aquatic Animals Commission shall be abrogated and replaced by the articles hereafter:

“Article 1

The OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission shall consist of a Bureau (comprised of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary General) and three other Members.

Article 2

The International Committee elects the Members of the Bureau individually and then the other three Members, taking into account the need for a geographically balanced representation, and the need for relevant expertise.

The Members of the Commission are elected for a period of three years.

The mandate of the Commission may be renewed by the International Committee. Positions should be filled as they fall vacant, before the elections referred to in the first paragraph.”

The elections corresponding to the additional position to be filled will take place in 2009, when the Commissions will be renewed.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XVIII

**Creation of an OIE Sub-regional office in Brussels**

CONSIDERING

The need for an OIE Sub-Regional Office in Brussels, headquarters of the European Commission (EC),

GIVEN

The Terms of Reference of the Regional Representations and of the Sub-Regional Representations,

The International Committee's decision of 19 May 1995 to create a Regional Representation for Eastern Europe,

The exchange of letters between the OIE (23 February 2004) and the EC (17 September 2003),

The International Committee's decision of 26 May 2006 relative to the creation of a Sub-Regional Office in Brussels,

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

The creation in Brussels of a Sub-Regional Office of the OIE Regional representation for Eastern Europe.

This Office shall take the name of "OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Brussels".

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XIX

**Terms of Reference of the Sub-Regional Representations of the OIE**

CONSIDERING

The need for defining the terms of reference of the OIE Sub-Regional Representations,

GIVEN

The Terms of reference of the OIE Regional Representations adopted by the International Committee on 19 May 1995,

THE COMMITTEE

DECIDES

To adopt the text entitled “Terms of reference of the OIE Regional Sub-Representations” (Doc. 75SG/22).

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

## TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE OIE SUB-REGIONAL REPRESENTATION OFFICES

The OIE Sub-Regional Representations shall operate under the aegis of the respective OIE Regional Representation in each region.

### 1. Administrative procedures

The administrative procedures shall be identical for Regional Representation (RRs) as well as for Sub-Regional Representation (SRRs), including, for example, the physical and electronic archiving system or the coding of incoming and outgoing mail.

### 2. Basic documents

RRs and SRRs shall hold archives with the following basic documents:

- OIE Basic Texts including terms of reference for OIE Regional Representations and Sub-Representations- Strategic Plan and Work Programmes
- Agreement between the country hosting the head office of the Sub-Regional Representation and the OIE
- Diplomatic agreement with the host country
- Sub-Regional Representatives' contracts
- Contracts of office staff
- Responsibilities of the Sub-Regional Representations, in accordance with OIE regulations, for the budget and for weekly and annual reports
- Personnel management issues
- Relevant letters from/to Delegates and Ministers
- Follow-up of payments of contributions
- Applications for Membership from new countries
- Communication material
- Tool kit for training (namely from Collaborating Centre of Lyons)

### 3. Management of funds – Budget - Reports

3.1. **Budget:** the budget of the SRRs shall be drawn up by the Sub-Regional Representative and sent to the RRs for approval, discussion and subsequent approval by the Central Bureau.

The OIE RRs shall send to the OIE Central Bureau the condensed proposed budget of the Regional Representation and of the Sub-Regional Representation as separate items.

3.2. **Request for funds:** The Sub-Regional Representation, according to its budget provisions, shall request funds from the Regional Representation, which shall, after analysis and approval, in turn request these funds from the Central Bureau.

3.3. **Dispatch of funds:** The funds shall be transferred from the OIE Central Bureau to the account of the SRRs, and relevant information relayed to the Regional Representation.

3.4. **Financial reports:** Quarterly reports shall be sent to the Regional Representation with copy to the Central Bureau.

#### **4. Missions**

Authorisations for the Sub-Regional Representations to undertake missions shall be examined by the respective Regional Representative, on the basis of a quarterly programme; the Regional Representative will forward to the OIE Central Bureau in Paris a provisional programme, for final approval.

The Sub-Regional Representative shall not request mission authorization directly to the OIE Central Bureau in Paris.

Mission reports shall be sent first to the OIE Central Bureau with systematically a copy to the Regional Representative.

#### **5. Communications**

All outgoing correspondence, e-mails, faxes and letters from the Sub-Regional Representations shall be copied to the respective Regional Representation and if relevant to the OIE RAD.

Letters to Delegates and Ministers will be addressed to the respective Regional Representative for his approval prior to signature either by the respective Regional Representative or by the Director General whenever appropriate.

#### **6. Activity Plan – Report**

The Sub-Regional Representatives, together with the respective Regional Representation, shall draw up an overall Activity Plan for the sub-region. The Sub-Regional Representation's Activity Plan shall form part of the Regional Representation's Activity Plan.

The Regional Representations shall in consultation with the Sub-Regional Representations draw up a common Plan of activities for the region. However consideration will be given to specific activities related to the sub-regions.

The half-yearly report on the activities of the Sub-Regional Representation shall be sent to the Regional Representation, which shall forward it to the OIE Central Bureau together with the Regional Representation's half-yearly report.

#### **7. Meetings**

The meetings of the Sub-Regional Representatives with Ministers or other relevant political authorities shall be authorised by the respective Regional Representative, and subsequent information transmitted to OIE Headquarters.

#### **8. Official Agreements**

Official Agreements proposed by the Sub-Regional Representatives shall be sent to the respective Regional Representative for consideration and subsequently to the OIE Director General for his final approval.

#### **9. Personnel**

All aspects related to the Staff of the Sub-Regional Representations, included the Sub-Regional Representatives, shall be proposed to the respective Regional Representative for his consideration, and onward transmission to the Central Bureau for approval whenever appropriate.

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RESOLUTION No. XX

**Restoration of the exercise of the legal rights and obligations of the People's Republic of China  
to the World Organisation for Animal Health**

GIVEN the International Agreement for the creation of OIE done on 25 January 1924, and the entire General Rules, tasks and development goals of the OIE, in particular the provisions concerning the rights and obligations of OIE members,

MINDFUL of the need to strive unceasingly to achieve the aim of universality of the Organization,

AFFIRMING that it is absolutely necessary to restore the exercise of the legal rights and obligations of the People's Republic of China in order to maintain and promote the work of OIE,

AFFIRMING adherence to One China policy,

NOTING China's view that the government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China which includes Taiwan,

CONSIDERING that there is no precedent in OIE to expel a member and considering the fact that OIE has members from non-sovereign regions,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

To restore the exercise of the legal rights and obligations of the People's Republic of China within the OIE as a sovereign state member of the OIE.

That Taiwan continues to participate in the activities of OIE as a non-sovereign regional member of the OIE.

That Taiwan will be known as "Chinese Taipei" in all activities, documents, publications, websites, etc. of OIE.

REQUESTS

The Director General to take all necessary actions in order to achieve this goal before the 76th General Session.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 25 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XXI

**Recognition of the Foot and Mouth Disease Status of Member Countries**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. By means of subsequent Resolutions<sup>1</sup> the International Committee has accepted a procedure establishing and annually updating a list of Member Countries and zones within their national territories, recognised as free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) according to the provisions of the *Terrestrial Code*,
2. The Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (the Scientific Commission) has continued to apply the procedure approved by the International Committee, and has supported the recognition of the FMD free status of additional countries and zones within national territories for annual adoption of the list by the International Committee,
3. During the 65th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XII, which stated that the Delegates of Member Countries where countries or zones within their national territories are recognised as FMD free, annually confirm by letter during the month of November that their FMD status and the criteria by which that status was recognised have remained unchanged,
4. Recommendations of the Scientific Commission regarding the evaluation of countries as being free from foot and mouth disease have been submitted to Member Countries for comments as outlined in Resolution XVI, which was adopted during the 67th General Session of the International Committee,
5. During the 70th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XVIII asking Member Countries applying for this evaluation to meet part of the costs sustained by the OIE Central Bureau in the evaluation process,
6. During the 71st General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution XXI delegating to the Scientific Commission the authority to recognise, without further International Committee consultation, an FMD free zone created following outbreaks within a Member Country or its territory in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapters 1.3.5. and 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*,
7. Information published by the OIE is derived from declarations made by the official Veterinary Services of Member Countries. The OIE is not responsible for inaccurate publication of country disease status based on inaccurate information or changes in epidemiological status or other significant events that were not promptly reported to the Central Bureau subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom.

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<sup>1</sup> 62nd General Session (GS) Resolution No (Res) IX; 63rd GS Res XI and Res XII; 64th GS Res XII and 65th GS Res XVII.

## THE COMMITTEE

### RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as FMD free countries where vaccination is not practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*<sup>2</sup>:

Albania	Germany	New Caledonia
Australia	Greece	New Zealand
Austria	Guatemala	Nicaragua
Belarus	Guyana	Norway
Belgium	Honduras	Panama
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Hungary	Poland
Bulgaria	Iceland	Portugal
Canada	Indonesia	Romania
Chile	Ireland	Serbia-and-
Costa Rica	Italy	Montenegro*
Croatia	Japan	Singapore
Cuba	Korea (Rep. of)	Slovakia
Cyprus	Latvia	Slovenia
Czech Rep.	Lithuania	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sweden
El Salvador	Madagascar	Switzerland
Estonia	Malta	Ukraine
Finland	Mauritius	United Kingdom
Former Yug. Rep. of	Mexico	United States of
Macedonia	Netherlands	America
France		Vanuatu

2. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as FMD free countries where vaccination is practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*<sup>1</sup>:

Taipei China and Uruguay.

3. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries as having an FMD free zone where vaccination is not practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Argentina: enlargement of an existing zone designated by the Delegate of Argentina in a document addressed to the Director General in January 2007;

Botswana: enlargement of an existing zone as designated by the Delegate of Botswana in a document addressed to the Director General in December 2006;

Brazil: State of Santa Catarina;

Colombia: zones designated by the Delegate of Colombia in documents addressed to the Director General in November 1995 (Area I - Northwest region of Choco Department) and in April 1996;

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<sup>2</sup> For information on the status of non-contiguous territories of Member Countries recognised as FMD free, please address enquiries to that country's Delegate or to the Director General

\* Including the territory of Kosovo administered by the United Nations

Malaysia: zones of Sabah and Sarawak designated by the Delegate of Malaysia in a document addressed to the Director General in December 2003;

Namibia: zone designated by the Delegate of Namibia in a document addressed to the Director General in February 1997;

Peru: zones as designated by the Delegate of Peru in two documents addressed to the Director General in December 2004 and in January 2007;

Philippines: Islands of Mindanao, Visayas, Palawan and Masbate;

South Africa: zone designated by the Delegate of South Africa in a document addressed to the Director General in May 2005.

4. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries as having FMD free zones where vaccination is practised, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.10. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Argentina: zone of Argentina designated by the Delegate of Argentina in documents addressed to the Director General in March 2007.

Bolivia: zone of Chiquitania designated by the Delegate of Bolivia in documents addressed to the Director General in January 2003 and a zone situated in the western part of the Department of Oruro in documents addressed to the Director General in September 2005;

Brazil: States of Acre along with two adjacent municipalities of Amazon state, Rio Grande do Sul, Rondonia and the middle southern part of the State Parà, as designated by the Delegate of Brazil in a document addressed to the Director General in March 2004 and February 2007;

Colombia: zone designated by the Delegate of Colombia in documents addressed to the Director General in January 2003, two zones designated by the Delegate in documents addressed to the Director General in December 2004 and a south western zone designated by the Delegate of Colombia in documents addressed to the Director General in January 2007;

Paraguay: zone designated by the Delegate of Paraguay in documents addressed to the Director General in March 2007.

AND

5. The Delegates of these countries will immediately notify the Central Bureau if FMD occurs in their countries or zones within their territories.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 22 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XXII

**Recognition of Member Countries Free Status from Rinderpest Infection  
and Rinderpest Disease**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. By means of subsequent Resolutions<sup>1</sup> the International Committee has accepted a procedure establishing and annually updating a list of Member Countries and zones within their national territories, recognised as free from rinderpest disease or infection according to the provisions of the *Terrestrial Code*,
2. During the 70th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XVIII asking fees to be paid by Member Countries applying for evaluation for freedom from rinderpest disease or rinderpest infection and that these fees would be recovered whenever possible from sources other than the applicant countries,
3. During the 71st General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XXIII which stated that Delegates of Member Countries where countries or zones within their national territories are recognised as rinderpest free, annually reconfirm by letter during the month of November that their rinderpest status and the criteria by which the status was recognized have remained unchanged,
4. Information published by the OIE is derived from declarations made by the official Veterinary Services of Member Countries. The OIE is not responsible for inaccurate publication of country disease status based on inaccurate information or changes in epidemiological status or other significant events that were not promptly reported to the Central Bureau subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom from disease or infection.

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as free from rinderpest infection, according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.12. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Albania	Germany	New Caledonia
Algeria	Ghana	New Zealand
Andorra	Greece	Norway
Angola	Guatemala	Pakistan
Argentina	Guinea	Panama
Australia	Guinea Bissau	Paraguay
Austria	Guyana	Peru
Barbados	Honduras	Philippines
Belgium	Hungary	Poland
Benin	Iceland	Portugal
Bhutan	India	Romania
Bolivia	Indonesia	Rwanda
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ireland	Senegal
Botswana	Italy	Singapore

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<sup>1</sup> 63rd General Session (GS) Resolution No (Res) XIV; 67th GS Res XVI and 68th GS Res XIII

Brazil	Jamaica	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Japan	Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Korea (Rep. of)	South Africa
Burundi	Latvia	Spain
Canada	Lesotho	Swaziland
Chile	Lithuania	Sweden
Colombia	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Congo (Dem. Rep. of the)	Madagascar	Thailand
Côte d'Ivoire	Malawi	Taipei China
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Tanzania
Croatia	Mali	Togo
Cuba	Malta	Trinidad and Tobago
Cyprus	Mauritania	Tunisia
Czech Rep.	Mauritius	Turkey
Denmark	Mexico	Ukraine
Ecuador	Moldavia	United Kingdom
Egypt	Mongolia	United States of America
El Salvador	Morocco	Uruguay
Eritrea	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Estonia	Myanmar	Venezuela
Finland	Namibia	Vietnam
Former Yug. Rep. of Macedonia	Nepal	Zambia
France	Netherlands	Zimbabwe

2. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries as being free from rinderpest disease according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.12. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Cameroon	Lebanon
Central African Republic	Niger
Chad	Nigeria
Ethiopia	Sudan
Gambia	Tajikistan
	Uganda

3. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries having zones designated by their respective Delegates as free from rinderpest disease according to the provisions of Chapter 2.2.12. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Kenya: zone designated by the Delegate of Kenya in a document addressed to the Director General in August 2005.

AND

4. The Delegates of these countries will immediately notify the Central Bureau if rinderpest infection or disease occur in their countries or zones within their territories.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 22 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XXIII

**Recognition of the Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia Status of Member Countries**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. By means of subsequent Resolutions<sup>1</sup> the International Committee has accepted a procedure establishing and annually updating a list of Member Countries and zones within their national territories, recognised as free from contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) according to the provisions of the *Terrestrial Code*,
2. During the 70th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XVIII asking Member Countries applying for evaluation for freedom from CBPP to meet part of the costs sustained by the OIE Central Bureau in the evaluation process,
3. During the 72nd General Session the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XXIII which stated that the Delegates of Member Countries where countries or zones within their national territories are recognised as CBPP free, annually confirm by letter during the month of November that their CBPP status and the criteria by which that status was recognised have remained unchanged,
4. During the 72nd General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XXIII that implemented the establishment of a list of countries or zones free from CBPP disease or CBPP infection and included in that list countries already recognised free of CBPP by the OIE,
5. Information published by the OIE is derived from declarations made by the official Veterinary Services of Member Countries. The OIE is not responsible for inaccurate publication of country disease status based on inaccurate information or changes in epidemiological status or other significant events that were not promptly reported to the Central Bureau subsequent to the time of declaration of freedom from CBPP,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as free from CBPP according to the provisions of the Chapter 2.3.15. of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Australia	India	Switzerland
Botswana	Portugal	United States of America

AND

2. The Delegates of these countries will immediately notify the Central Bureau if CBPP occurs in their countries or in zones within their territories.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 22 May 2007)

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<sup>1</sup> 71st General Session (GS) Resolution No (Res) XXIV; 73rd GS Res XVI and 74th GS Res XXIX.

RESOLUTION No. XXIV

**Recognition of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Status of Member Countries**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. By means of subsequent Resolutions<sup>1</sup> the International Committee has accepted a procedure establishing and annually updating a list of Member Countries and zones within their national territories, categorised by their BSE risk according to the provisions of the *Terrestrial Code*,
2. During the 70th General Session, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XVIII asking Member Countries applying for a BSE risk evaluation to meet part of the costs sustained by the OIE Central Bureau in the evaluation process,
3. During the 72nd General Session, the OIE adopted Resolution No. XXI requesting the Director General to inform Delegates of Member Countries whose countries or zones within their national territories are recognised with regard to their BSE status should annually confirm during the month of November whether their status and the criteria by which their status was recognised have remained unchanged,
4. During the 73rd General Session, the OIE adopted Resolution No. XXI confirming that countries which had already submitted dossiers for the evaluation of country status need not pay any additional costs should they have to renew their applications,
5. During the 74th General Session, the OIE adopted Resolution No. XXVII confirming that Countries listed as provisionally free from BSE in accordance with Chapter 2.13.13 of the 13<sup>th</sup> Edition (2004) of the *Terrestrial Code* wishing to submit an application before the end of 2006 for confirmation of their status will be assessed against the *Terrestrial Code* of 2004 and will remain on the list published by the OIE until May 2008,
6. Information published by the OIE is derived from declarations made by the official Veterinary Services of Member Countries. The OIE is not responsible for inaccurate publication of country disease status based on inaccurate information or changes in epidemiological status or other significant events that were not promptly reported to the Central Bureau, subsequent to the time of declaration of the BSE risk status.

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES THAT

1. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as countries with a negligible BSE risk in accordance with Chapter 2.3.13. of the 15th edition (2006) of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, Singapore and Uruguay.

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<sup>1</sup> 67th General Session (GS) Resolution No (Res) XVI; 69th GS Res XV and 71st GS Res XXII.

2. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as countries with a controlled BSE risk in accordance with Chapter 2.3.13. of the 15th edition (2006) of the *Terrestrial Code*:

Brazil, Canada, Chile, Switzerland, Taipei China and United States of America.

3. The Director General publish the following list of Member Countries recognised as ‘provisionally free’ from BSE in accordance with Chapter 2.3.13. of the 13th edition (2004) of the *Terrestrial Code* and Resolution XXVII of the 74th General Session The countries below will remain on the list published by the OIE until May 2008:

Iceland and Paraguay.

4. Since January 2007, all applications for BSE status have been and will be assessed against the *Terrestrial Code* current at the time.

AND

5. The Delegates of these countries will immediately notify the Central Bureau if BSE occurs in their countries or zones within their territories.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 22 May 2007)

## RESOLUTION No. XXV

### **Animal Welfare**

#### CONSIDERING THAT

1. Animal welfare is a complex, multi-faceted, international and domestic public policy issue, with important scientific, ethical, economic and political dimensions.
2. The Director General has established a permanent Working Group on Animal Welfare, which draws up and implements a detailed annual work programme.
3. A successful Global Conference on Animal Welfare was held in February 2004 which confirmed the OIE's international leadership role in animal welfare.
4. Publication of "Animal Welfare: Global Issues, Trends and Challenges", in October 2005, in a special edition of the OIE Scientific and Technical Review Series further reinforced the OIE's international leadership role in animal welfare.
5. A set of four animal welfare guidelines were adopted at the May 2005 General Session and are regularly updated.
6. Draft aquatic animal welfare guidelines have been developed and will be the subject of further discussion between the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission and the Animal Welfare Working Group.
7. Scoping work is well underway in respect of the four additional areas of strategic priority, agreed as the 2005 General Session, with an *ad hoc* group on Dog Population Control having met on two occasions and prepared a first draft report.
8. The active involvement of all OIE member countries will be essential to the success of the initiative.

#### THE COMMITTEE

#### RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Director General maintain the Working Group on Animal Welfare to advise him and the Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal health Standards Commissions on OIE activities in the field of animal welfare.
2. The Working Group and Central Bureau 2006/2007 work programmes be the basis for the OIE's activities on animal welfare for the next 12 months and the OIE Central Bureau and Working Group be provided with the necessary resources to address the priorities listed.
3. Veterinary Services in each member country be actively involved in the preparation, review and implementation of animal welfare legislation and that countries immediately take steps to advise the OIE of their national OIE animal welfare focal point to facilitate communication.

4. OIE member countries play an active role in their regions with institutions, non governmental organisations, the private sector and with other international organisations in promoting this OIE initiative.
  5. OIE Regional Commissions play an active role in promoting the OIE initiative (particularly in relation to animal welfare in education), with active involvement of Working Group regional members.
  6. The OIE Central Bureau and Working Group continue to give high priority to effective and regular communication and transparent consultation in implementing the animal welfare work programme, including activities related to animal production, wild animals and laboratory animals.
  7. The OIE hold a second OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare in Cairo in October 2008. The proposed title of the conference is: “Putting the OIE Standards to Work”.
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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 22 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XXVI

**Animal Production Food Safety**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The permanent Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety, established by the Director General in 2002, held its sixth meeting in November 2006 and drafted a work programme for 2007.
2. The Working Group has developed various texts aimed at minimizing food safety risks associated with hazards in animal production, including a “Guide on Good Farming Practices” which will be further developed in cooperation with FAO, WHO and Codex.
3. The Working Group reviewed the work of the *ad hoc* Group on Animal Feeding, which produced draft Guidelines for the Control of Hazards of Animal Health and Public Health Importance in Animal Feed.
4. The Working Group reviewed the work of the *ad hoc* Group on Salmonellosis, which produced draft Guidelines on the Detection, Control and Prevention of *Salmonella* Enteritidis and *S. Typhimurium* in Poultry Producing Eggs for Human Consumption.
5. The Working Group prepared an appendix to the *Terrestrial Code* on Guidelines for the Control of Biological Hazards of Animal Health and Public Health Importance through Ante- and Post-Mortem Meat Inspection, to provide guidance to Veterinary Services.
6. The Working Group supported the development of an appendix to the *Terrestrial Code* on General Principles for Identification and Traceability of Live Animals.
7. The OIE and the Codex Alimentarius Commission have continued to work together to ensure that standards relevant to animal production food safety developed by either party are consistent and complementary and take a ‘whole food chain’ approach to food safety.
8. The work on animal production food safety benefits from cooperation with FAO and WHO which provide additional expert advice and expertise in food safety, zoonoses and related issues.

THE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Director General retain the Working Group on Animal Production Food Safety to advise him and the relevant Specialist Commissions on issues relevant to animal production food safety.
2. The participation of FAO and WHO experts as members of this Working Group be continued to further strengthen the collaboration between OIE and Codex.

3. The 2007 work programme prepared by the Working Group guide the OIE's activities on animal production food safety during the next 12 months, and the Working Group be provided with resources needed to address the identified priorities.
  4. Of the priorities listed in the work programme, the Working Group give special attention to its work on the development of texts on animal identification and traceability, animal feeding and salmonellosis for consideration by the International Committee.
  5. The OIE develop a document to clarify how the Veterinary Services should cooperate with other authorities in the food chain continuum to ensure the protection of both animal and public health.
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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 22 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XXVII

**Adoption of the sixth edition of the  
*Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals***

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*, like the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*, is an important contribution to the international harmonisation and promotion of trade in animals and animal products,
2. The *Terrestrial Manual* is entirely revised approximately every four years, and the International Committee, in Resolution No. X of the 63rd General Session, adopted a method for its amendment if required between the times of its revision, such amendments being published by the OIE on the Web site,
3. Member Countries are asked for the contributions of their specialists for each new or revised Chapter of the *Terrestrial Manual* before it is finalised by the Biological Standards Commission,
4. All Chapters for the revised edition have been sent to Member Countries and the Biological Standards Commission will address any pending comments during its autumn meeting,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

To adopt the sixth edition of the *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XXVIII

**List of Antimicrobials of Veterinary Importance**

CONSIDERING THAT

During the 74th General Session of the OIE in May 2006, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XXXIII. This Resolution allowed the publication of a preliminary list of antimicrobials of veterinary importance based on the list compiled by the OIE from the answers received to the questionnaire sent to OIE Member Countries, and requested the OIE Director General to further refine the list and consider breaking it down into subcategories according to type of usage,

The OIE refined and further developed the list in accordance with Member Country comments and based on further analysis of the data previously supplied by OIE Member Countries. The revised list was circulated to Member Countries with the report of the January 2007 meeting of the Biological Standards Commission (Appendix V of Doc 75 SG/12/CS2 B)

The list will be used within the framework of the work in progress with the WHO, FAO and the Codex Alimentarius Commission on antimicrobial resistance,

The list will be regularly updated in accordance with new scientific information,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

To adopt the list of Antimicrobials of Veterinary Importance.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XXIX

**Register of Diagnostic Tests Validated and Certified by the OIE**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. During the 71st General Session of the OIE in May 2003, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XXIX endorsing the principle of validation and certification of diagnostic assays (test methods) for infectious animal diseases by the OIE and giving a mandate to the Director General of the OIE to set up the specific standard procedures to be used before the final decision on the validation and certification of a diagnostic assay is taken by the OIE International Committee,
2. The Resolution establishes that ‘fitness for purpose’ should be used as a criterion for validation,
3. The aim of the procedure for diagnostic kits is to produce a register of recognised assays for OIE Member Countries and for test manufacturers,
4. OIE Member Countries need assays that are known to be validated according to OIE criteria in order to improve the quality of assays, to ensure that the test can be used to correctly establish animal disease status and to enhance confidence in assays,
5. The process of producing a register of recognised assays will provide greater transparency and clarity of the validation process, and a means for recognising those manufacturers that produce validated and certified tests in kit format,
6. During the 74th General Session of the OIE, the International Committee adopted Resolution No. XXXII on the importance of recognising and implementing OIE standards for the validation and registration of diagnostic assays by Member Countries,
7. In order to render the process transparent, all results of the test validation procedure by the OIE will be included in detailed form on the OIE web site,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES THAT

1. In accordance with the recommendation of the OIE Biological Standards Commission, the Director General add the following to the register of test kits certified by the OIE as validated fit for purpose:

<b>Name of the diagnostic kit</b>	<b>Name of the Manufacturer</b>	<b>Fitness for purpose</b>
Platelia Rabies II	Bio-Rad	For the determination of immune status post-vaccination in individual dogs or cats (for regulation of international movement or trade), and in fox populations (for monitoring wildlife vaccination programmes)

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2007)

RESOLUTION N° XXX

**Amendments to the OIE *Aquatic Animal Health Code***

CONSIDERING

1. The present content of the OIE *Aquatic Animal Health Code* (the *Aquatic Code*), which is the result of modifications made by the OIE International Committee during previous OIE General Sessions,
2. The necessity to update the *Aquatic Code* in accordance with the recommendations in the March 2007 report of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (Appendices III to XX of Document 75 SG/12/CS4 B), after consultation with the Delegates of the Member Countries,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

1. To adopt the updates to the *Aquatic Code* proposed in Appendices III to XX of Document 75 SG/12/CS4 B in English, French and Spanish, each text being authentic, with the following modifications:
  - In the Spanish text only, in Appendix V (Chapter 1.4.4.), in Article 1.4.4.3., in points 3 and 4, replace the words “*gracias a*” with the word “*a través de*”.
  - In Appendix XII (Chapter 1.5.1.):
    - in Article 1.5.1.5., add a third paragraph stating the following: “This Article does not apply to treatment of transport water for transport by sea”;
    - in Article 1.5.1.6., add a second paragraph stating the following: “This Article does not apply to transport of aquatic animals by sea”.
2. To ask the Director General to publish the adopted texts in a revised edition of the *Aquatic Code*.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 23 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XXXI

**Adoption of one draft chapter for the  
*Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals***

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals*, like the *Aquatic Animal Health Code*, is an important contribution to the international harmonisation and promotion of trade in aquatic animals and aquatic animal products,
2. The *Aquatic Manual* is entirely revised approximately every three years. It is the intention of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission that, following approval of changes by the International Committee, the Web version of the *Aquatic Manual* will be updated on an annual basis,
3. Member Countries are asked for the contributions of their specialists for each new or revised chapter of the *Aquatic Manual* before it is finalised by the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission,
4. The chapter for the revised edition has been sent to Member Countries and the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission will address any pending comments,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

To adopt one new chapter of the *Aquatic Manual*.

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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 23 May 2007)

RESOLUTION N° XXXII

**Amendments to the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code***

CONSIDERING

1. The present content of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (in brief, the *Terrestrial Code*), which is the result of modifications made by the OIE International Committee during previous General Sessions,
2. The necessity to update the *Terrestrial Code* in accordance with recommendations in the March 2007 report of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (in brief, the Terrestrial Code Commission) (Document 75 SG/12/CS1 B), after consultation with the Delegates of the Member Countries,

THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES

1. To adopt the updates to the *Terrestrial Code* proposed in Appendices V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, XI, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXIX, XXX, XXXI and XXXII of Document 75 SG/12/CS1 B in English, French and Spanish, each text being authentic.
2. To adopt the updates to the *Terrestrial Code* proposed in Appendices III, IV, X, XII and XXI of Document 75 SG/12/CS1 B in English, French and Spanish, each text being authentic, with the following modifications:
  - 2.1. In Appendix III (Chapter 1.1.1.)

In the definitions of both *Competent Authority* and *Veterinary Authority*:

    - a) insert the words “, international veterinary certification,” after the word “measures”;
    - b) insert the word “whole” before the word “country”.
  - 2.2. In Appendix IV (Chapter 1.3.5.)

In Article 1.3.5.4., replace the word “traceability” with the word “identification” in the last sentence of point 4.
  - 2.3. In Appendix X (Appendix 3.x.x.)

In Article 3.x.x.1., delete the words “or endemic” in the fourth paragraph of the introduction and add the word “or” before “infected country/zone”.

2.4. In Appendix XII (Chapter 2.3.13.)

In Article 2.3.13.1.:

- a) in point 1d), go back to the existing text of the 2006 edition of the OIE *Terrestrial Code* i.e. “gelatine and collagen prepared exclusively from hides and skins”;
- b) delete proposed point 1e).

In Article 2.3.13.14.:

- a) in the second paragraph, retain the words “gelatin and” after the word “for”;
- b) in point 2, go back to the existing text of the 2006 edition of the *Terrestrial Code*, except the proposed deletion of the words “pressure washing” in sub-point i);
- c) in point 3, go back to the existing text of the 2006 edition of the *Terrestrial Code*, except the proposed deletion of the words “pressure washing” in sub-point b)i).

2.5. In Appendix XXI (Chapter 2.7.12.)

In Article 2.7.12.1., replace the word “HPNAI” with the words “HPAI or LPAI” in point 4.

3. To ask the Director General to publish the adopted texts in a revised edition of the *Terrestrial Code*.
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RESOLUTION No. XXXIII

**The Use of Epidemiological Models for the Management of Animal Diseases**

CONSIDERING THAT

1. Epidemiological modelling is a valuable tool that can assist disease managers and policy makers in identifying and evaluating existing and/or novel approaches to disease control and risk mitigation.
2. Almost all Member Countries that responded to the survey and that are not currently using epidemiological models, expressed the desire to do so.
3. A majority of Member Countries have expressed limitations with regards to the use of epidemiological models due to lack of expertise and resources, while some countries reported shortage of suitable data.
4. Epidemiological modelling is a specialised field that requires an adequate level of expertise.
5. One of the benefits of model construction is the identification of the gaps of knowledge necessary to build it. This approach may suggest further research to better understand the biology of the infection or influence the collection of suitable data.
6. There is general recognition of the value of modelling to support policy development through retrospective analyses and contingency planning.
7. The role of predictive modelling during an animal health crisis as a tool to support tactical decision-making needs more elaboration.
8. Any epidemiological model ultimately depends for its validity on the accuracy and completeness of the data underpinning it.
9. There is significant value associated with international collaborations on model development and validation.
10. Veterinary Services are the most involved in all steps of epidemiological modelling such as development, application and usage of results and these services therefore need to be strengthened worldwide through international collaboration and technical support.

THE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The OIE should develop general guidelines for epidemiological model development, verification, validation and use.

2. Member Countries should be encouraged to establish OIE Collaborating Centres on epidemiological modelling, which should provide training in the development and application of such models and provide advice to the Member Countries wishing to develop or choose models for use in animal health emergency preparedness, response and analysis.
  3. Member Countries should ensure the completeness and quality of data inputs into the OIE World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) to make the best use of data stored in the WAHID database for epidemiological modelling.
  4. The OIE should publish a special edition of the *Scientific and Technical Review* on the application of epidemiological modelling on aspects related to the support of animal disease management and assessment of the economic impact of such diseases.
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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2007)

RESOLUTION No. XXXIV

**The Role of Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres  
in Providing Permanent Support for the Objectives and Mandates of the OIE**

CONSIDERING

1. That the OIE Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres are mandated to provide Member Countries with expertise and laboratory services in support of capacity building of national Veterinary Services, diagnostic support for the detection and control of diseases relating to animal health and public health zoonoses, and for facilitating safe trade and science-based mediation of disputes;
2. The need for scientific support and advice to the OIE for the development of science-based international standards, recommendations and guidelines for the prevention, detection and control of animal diseases including zoonoses, and for safe trade in animals and animal products;
3. That the OIE Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres are essential sources of diagnostic testing, reagents, training, research, validation and harmonisation of methods, scientific advice and other services;
4. That the clustering of most of the OIE's Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres predominantly in a few areas of the world has resulted in a disproportionate access and use of these services from one region to another because of issues related primarily to communication, transportation and costs;
5. That the OIE's plans for the twinning of laboratories to develop regionally relevant and sustainable expertise and service capacity in developing and in-transition countries;
6. The need to provide appropriate, sustainable funding, support and recognition for OIE Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres;
7. That the success of OIE Reference Laboratories and OIE Collaborating Centres relies on their ability to both maintain the confidence of clients in utilising these services and to acquire, enhance and maintain scientific skills and expertise through multilevel interaction and collaboration;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The mandate and activities of the OIE Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres should be reviewed to enhance satisfaction of service delivery, and alignment with the objectives of the OIE and the evolving priorities of its Member Countries, such as the need for support services to assist Member Countries to acquire, process, publish and disseminate information related to local disease surveillance, emergence, prevention and control.
2. The OIE should achieve with the support of its Regional Offices a balanced, proactive, strategic plan in each geographical region to improve the geographical distribution and specialty of its Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres with the priorities and investments of Member Countries and regions to address both the present and long term priorities of the OIE.

3. The OIE should review and address the funding requirements of its current Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres beyond the resource and in-kind contributions from national sources to improve and increase the sustainable services as mandated, taking into consideration funding from non-OIE sources and various non-economical rewards.
  4. The OIE should facilitate synergy within its current network of Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres, and continue to develop and implement its recently announced twinning initiative as part of a broader strategy to strengthen and expand its Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres.
  5. The OIE should continue to accord high priority to International Standards and Guidelines, including those elaborated by IATA and under the CITES Convention, impacting on transportation of laboratory samples so not to impede the operations of Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres and not to impose unnecessary costs and delays.
  6. The OIE should continue to harmonise its quality assurance (QA) guidelines with other relevant international quality standards for laboratories and ensure that this aspect is assessed as part of the PVS (Performance, Vision and Strategy) tool.
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(Adopted by the International Committee of the OIE on 24 May 2007)

