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GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES

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Governance Mechanisms of GF-TADs for Europe

CONSIDERING

1. The importance of animal health on food safety and food security;
2. The impact of Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) on public health, agricultural sector, trade and the means of existence of small breeders and farmers, stressing the need to combine efforts to combat the diseases at national, regional and global levels involving all relevant stakeholders;
3. The Cooperation Agreement for the promotion of the joint FAO-OIE initiative “Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases” (GF-TADs) signed in 24 May 2004 aiming at establishing a facilitating mechanism which endeavour to empower regional alliances in the fight against TADs, providing capacity building and assisting in establishing programmes for the specific control of certain TADs based on regional priorities;
4. The set up in October 2005 of the Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADs for Europe (and its Secretariat) in order to ensure Regional coordination and monitor progress for field interventions, laboratory strategic support, and epidemiological evaluation of disease events and control efforts; the RC and regional Secretariat operate in accordance to their ToRs endorsed during the RSC3;
5. The outcomes of the GF-TADs Third and Fourth Global Steering Committee meetings respectively held in Paris in September 2010 and in Rome in October 2011; and their recommendations with regards to the GF-TADs Action Plans at global and regional levels;
6. The outcomes of the Third meeting of the GF-TADs for Europe which took place in Brussels in February 2010, the subsequent recommendations and the encouraging progress made in their implementation;
7. The FAO Regional Representation, the OIE Regional Representation for Eastern Europe and the OIE Sub Regional Representation in Brussels have the mandate of promoting political will and commitment of the relevant Ministries of the countries that they oversee. As with the OIE Regional

Commission, the FAO and the OIE representations are critical to participate in overseeing implementation of the GF-TADS objectives and developing additional financial support;

8. The Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADS for Europe is composed of representatives of Chief Veterinary Officers, representatives of the Regional Specialised Organisations (RSOs) involved with animal health, specific donors, and representatives of centralised and regional structures of the FAO and OIE;
9. The existing global tools such as the FAO-OIE-WHO GLEWS, FAO-OIE CMC-AH and OIE-FAO OFFLU to prevent and control animal diseases worldwide; the Regional Networks of laboratories; the several initiatives on the prevention and control of animal diseases in Europe; the Regional Support Units (RSUs) and the need for institutional and financial arrangements to provide sustainability to such initiatives;

THE GF-TADS FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE DECIDES

1. To keep the composition of the GF-TADS for Europe Steering Committee, as specified in the recommendations of the RSC3, unchanged until the RSC5 with the exception of the appointment of the Chief Veterinary Officer of Serbia (as a non EU member representative) who takes the seat left vacant by the CVO of Ukraine who now serves in the RSC in his quality of member (Vice President since May 2011) of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe.

THE GF-TADS FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE RECALLS THAT:

1. The SC Members should inform the GF-TADS Secretariat in advance of their non-attendance or in case they want to send a replacement to the RSC meetings;
2. Members with 3 consecutive non-justified absences in RSC meetings will lose their seat in the SC and be replaced.

THE GF-TADS FOR EUROPE STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The GF-TADS for Europe 5-year Action Plan (2012-2016) – hereafter referred as the Action Plan - be preliminary endorsed;
2. An e-consultation of the SC be carried out in February 2012 and that the Action Plan be then formally endorsed by SC after incorporation of the comments received during the RSC4 and the e-consultation;
3. Once endorsed by the Steering Committee, the Action Plan be sent to the Global Steering Committee for information and be proposed for validation by the GF-TADS Global Steering Committee (i) as a possible model for the other regions and (ii) as a basis to build the GF-TADS Global Action Plan;
4. The Action Plan be implemented as soon as officially endorsed.

Encl. GF-TADS for Europe 5-year Action Plan