

## ANNEX I

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE CONTROL OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE PROPOSED BY AUSTRIA<sup>1</sup>

#### Generic change:

To replace “Chairman” with “Chairperson” wherever it occurs in the text of the Constitution.

#### Specific changes:

## ARTICLE I

### Membership

1. Membership in the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") shall be open to such European Member Nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to such States participating as members in the Regional Conference for Europe of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and serviced by the Regional Office for Europe of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to such European Member Nations of the International Office of Epizootics that are Members of the United Nations, as accept this Constitution in accordance with the provisions of Article XV. The Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Commission, admit to membership ~~such other European States~~ any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency as have submitted an application for membership and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept the obligations of this Constitution as in force at the time of admission.

2. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "the Organization"), the International Office of Epizootics (hereinafter referred to as "the Office"), and the European Community, ~~and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development~~ shall have the right to be represented at all sessions of the Commission and its Committees, but their representatives shall not have the right to vote.

## ARTICLE II

### Obligations of Members regarding National Policies and International Cooperation for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease

1. Members undertake to control foot-and-mouth disease with a view to its ultimate eradication by the institution of suitable quarantine and sanitary measures and by one or more of the following methods:

- 1) a slaughter policy;
- 2) slaughter together with vaccination;

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<sup>1</sup> Deletions appear as ~~strikethroughs~~ and insertions as underlined italics.

3) maintenance of ~~totally~~ immune cattle population by vaccination; other susceptible livestock may be vaccinated.

4) vaccination in zones surrounding outbreaks.

Methods adopted shall be rigorously carried out, and for members not recognised by the Office as having the status of freedom from foot-and-mouth disease, there should be in place a national plan for the progressive control of the disease.

2. Members should have available contingency plans for the immediate management of incursions of foot-and-mouth disease and ensure sufficient financial, human and technical resources are available for immediate application of the control methods indicated in Article II.1.

(following paragraphs to be renumbered)

### ARTICLE III

#### Seat

1. The seat of the Commission and its Secretariat shall be in Rome at the Headquarters of the Organization, but may be temporarily located elsewhere in pursuance of a decision of the Commission at a previous session.

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### ARTICLE IV

#### General Functions

The following shall be the general functions of the Commission:

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4. To promote the progressive control of foot-and-mouth disease, to stimulate and plan joint action wherever required in the implementation of prevention and control programmes and to this effect arrange means whereby adequate resources can be made available, for example, for the production and storage of vaccine, through agreements between Members.

(...)

### ARTICLE V

#### Special Functions

The following shall be the special functions of the Commission:

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2. To take suitable action in the following fields:
  - 2.1 Storage of antigen and/or vaccines, and of diagnostic kits or devices by or on behalf of the Commission for distribution to any Member in case of need.
  - 2.2 Promotion when necessary of the establishment by a Member or Members of "cordons sanitaires" to prevent the spread of disease.
  - 2.3 The training of personnel of Member as required for management of emergency response and the establishment of a cadre of trained personnel who can assist other Members in case of need.
  - 2.4 The maintenance and promotion of appropriate biocontainment standards for handling of materials containing foot-and-mouth disease virus by Members.

## ARTICLE IX

### Observers

(...)

2. States which, while not Members of the Commission nor Members or Associate Members of the Organization, are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency may, upon request and subject to the concurrence of the Commission through its ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson and to the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the Conference of the Organization, be invited to attend in an observer capacity sessions of the Commission or its Executive Committee.

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## ARTICLE X

### Executive Committee

1. An Executive Committee shall be established and shall be composed of the ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson, two ~~Vice-Chairmen~~ Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission and ~~five-six~~ delegates of Members selected by the Commission at the end of its regular session. The Members of the Executive Committee should represent the geographic area of the Commission. The ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson of the Commission shall be the ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

2. The first Vice-Chairperson shall be nominated as the Incoming Chairperson, and the second Vice-Chairperson shall normally be the immediate Past-Chairperson of the Commission, and shall be elected by the Commission until the end of the next regular session.

~~2~~ 3. Members of the Executive Committee shall hold office until the end of the next regular session without prejudice to the right of re-election.

~~3~~ 4. If a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee before the expiration of the term of appointment,

~~the Committee may request a Member of the Commission~~ the Member which provided the resigning Member shall be requested to nominate a new representative to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

5. In the case of absence of the Chairperson, the first, followed by the second Vice-Chairperson may replace the Chairperson and an elected Member of the Executive Committee may replace the respective Chairperson.

4 6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice at reasonable intervals between any two successive regular sessions of the Commission.

5 7. The Secretary of the Commission shall act as Secretary to the Executive Committee.