



FMD resolution of REMESA

5th Joint Permanent Committee - Rabat, Morocco, 4-5 April 2012

Considering the health situation in the Mediterranean region,

Considering the urgency of this situation facing the risk of spreading of foot and mouth disease currently taking place in Egypt and Libya, and the risk of spreading to neighboring countries currently free,

Considering the undertaken efforts of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia leading to the OIE endorsement of their official control program for FMD (with reference to the article 8.5.48 of the OIE Terrestrial Code),

Together at the fifth meeting of the JPC, the member countries of REMESA:

- Reiterate the need to undertake without delay a new field sampling to allow the completion of laboratory tests that will characterize the strains for the selection of appropriate vaccines adapted to the epidemiological situation (importance of quality and number of samples),
- Support to this end, the proposed mission of the CMC-AH (FAO and OIE team), which would be conducted upon the request of the Libyan government and organized in cooperation with the Libyan CVO,
- Stress the importance to foresee the participation of the European reference laboratory of Pirbright and the participation of an FMD expert from North Africa proposed by the REMESA,
- Reiterate the need to finalize a strategy to be implemented in Libya, Egypt and in the neighboring countries,
- Request that this FMD resolution of REMESA be presented at the next EU-FMD meeting to be held in Bucharest (Romania) on 12 and 13 April 2012, so that the issue of EU financial support for vaccination campaigns in Libya and Egypt and the constitution of an antigen bank for at-risk countries are also the subject of attention of the countries of the European Union.