

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.

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