

RESOLUTIONS

ACTION PLAN 2026-2030 OF THE HEMISPHERIC PROGRAM FOR THE ERADICATION OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (PHEFA)

The 4th (online) Extraordinary Meeting of COHEFA

17 December 2025

RESOLUTION I**ACTION PLAN 2026-2030 OF THE HEMISPHERIC PROGRAM FOR THE ERADICATION OF
FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (PHEFA)**

The 4th Extraordinary Meeting of COHEFA,

Considering:

- That Resolution I of the 51st Meeting of the South American Commission for the Fight against Foot-and-Mouth Disease (COSALFA) requests PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO to formulate a proposal for an Action Plan of the Hemispheric Program for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (PHEFA), in order to define a new strategic political framework to support eradication, prevention, and emergency preparedness efforts against foot-and-mouth disease in the countries of the American continent;
- That this proposal was prepared by PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO with the participation of experts from the countries and was analyzed by the heads of the veterinary services and representatives of the private sector;
- That the PHEFA Action Plan 2026–2030 was presented, submitted for consideration, and discussed, incorporating the observations formulated during this extraordinary session of COHEFA.

It is resolved:

1. To approve the PHEFA Action Plan 2026–2030.
2. To request the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), in his/her role as *ex officio* Secretariat of COHEFA, to promote awareness of and adherence to the PHEFA Action Plan 2026–2030 at the highest political and technical levels of the countries and of organizations representing the livestock production chain; as well as of regional and subregional multilateral organizations and international financing institutions.
3. To request PAHO to continue its cooperation efforts and technical support to the countries of the region, through PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO, for the implementation of the PHEFA Action Plan 2026–2030.

RESOLUTION II**RECOGNITION OF DVM OTTORINO COSIVI**

The 4th Extraordinary Meeting of COHEFA,

Considering:

- That since his appointment as Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO in June 2009, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi has exercised exemplary leadership, promoting key initiatives for the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in the American continent and successfully coordinating two ordinary meetings (XII and XIII) and three extraordinary meetings (II, III, and IV) of COHEFA;
- That, as Director of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO, he was responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the 2011–2020 and 2021–2025 action plans, as well as the preparation of the 2026–2030 PHEFA action plan, thereby consolidating a strategic roadmap for the region;
- That, thanks to his commitment, technical vision, and capacity for coordination with the technical team of PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO, significant progress has been achieved within the framework of the PHEFA, reaching 99% of herds free from foot-and-mouth disease in the Americas;
- That his human-centered and approachable leadership style in team management, and his ability to build consensus and generate trust with countries and regional stakeholders, have constituted a sustainable strength of PAHO's technical cooperation provided to the countries of the Region.

It is resolved:

1. To recognize and express its profound appreciation to Dr. Ottorino Cosivi for his commitment, integrity, and outstanding leadership in coordinating the actions established under the PHEFA, which have enabled significant advances in animal health in the Americas.
2. To congratulate Dr. Cosivi on the occasion of his retirement, effective as of 1 January 2026, and to convey a warm farewell and best wishes in this new stage of his life, accompanied by well-being and good health, as well as the satisfaction of having contributed a legacy that will endure in the history of animal health and veterinary public health in the Americas.



Español:

EN FE DE LO CUAL, el Presidente de la Reunión, Dr. Marcelo de Andrade Mota, Director del Departamento de Salud Animal (DSA) del Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería (MAPA); el Director del Centro Panamericano de Fiebre Aftosa – PANAFTOZA/SPV-OPS/OMS, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi y los representantes del más alto nivel del sector público y privado de las seis subregiones que integran el Comité: Amazónica, Andina, Caribe, Cono Sur, Mesoamérica y Norteamérica, firman la lista de presencia en la 4.^a Reunión Extraordinaria del COHEFA, realizada em formato virtual, en el día 16 de diciembre del 2025.

Português:

EM FE DO QUAL, o Presidente da Reunião, Dr. Marcelo de Andrade Mota, Diretor do Departamento de Saúde Animal (DSA) do Ministério da Agricultura e Pecuária (MAPA); o Diretor do Centro Pan-Americano de Febre Aftosa – PANAFTOZA/SPV-OPAS/OMS, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi e os representantes do mais alto nível do setor público e privado das seis sub-regiões que integram o Comitê: Amazônica, Andina, Caribe, Cone Sul, Centro América e Norte América, assinam a lista de presença na 4^a Reunião Extraordinária do COHEFA, realizada em formato virtual, no dia 16 de dezembro de 2025.

English:

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the Chairman of the Meeting, Dr. Marcelo de Andrade Mota, Director of the Department of Animal Health (DSA, *per its* Portuguese acronym) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA, *per its* Portuguese acronym); and the Director of the Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease – PANAFTOZA/VPH-PAHO/WHO, Dr. Ottorino Cosivi and the public and the private sector high-level representatives, from the six sub regions that compose the Committee: Amazon, Andean, Caribbean, Southern Cone, Central American, and North American, have signed the present list of participants at the 4th COHEFA Extraordinary Meeting, through the virtual platform, on 16 December 2025.

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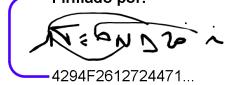
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