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RESOLUTION

CD43.R5

**XII INTER-AMERICAN MEETING, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, ON
HEALTH AND AGRICULTURE**

THE 43rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the final report of the XII Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Health and Agriculture (Document CD43/8);

Taking into account Resolution CD17.R19, which authorized the Director to convene these meetings, and Resolution RIMSA11.R3, ratified by the 41st Directing Council, which approved changing the name of the Meeting to “Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Health and Agriculture,” retaining the acronym RIMSA;

Considering that RIMSA has been constituted as the intersectoral forum at the highest political level in order to establish, orient, and monitor matters of mutual interest to the agriculture and health sectors; and

Aware of the broad response to the call by the Director of PAHO for the ministers of health and agriculture of the Member States to participate for the first time in RIMSA,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the Resolutions of RIMSA 12.
2. To urge the Member States to continue to bolster intersectoral action for the organization and execution of regional strategic plans for the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, the control and elimination of zoonoses, and the monitoring of food safety.

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3. To thank the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil for serving as the venue for RIMSA 12.
4. To request the Director to:
 - (a) continue to convoke the ministers of agriculture and health every two years to participate in RIMSA with the object of evaluating technical cooperation in veterinary public health and the performance of its specialized centers, the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA) and the Pan American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses (INPPAZ);
 - (b) continue to include food safety, zoonoses, the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, and other matters related to animal and human health as standing agenda items for RIMSA meetings;
 - (c) support the development and implementation of the plan of action of the Pan American Commission for Food Safety.

(Fifth meeting, 26 September 2001)