RESOLUTION No. 33

Animal Welfare Working Group

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The mandate of the OIE on animal welfare includes the improvement of terrestrial and aquatic animal health and welfare worldwide, health being a key component of animal welfare,

2. Resolution No. XIV, from the 70th OIE General Session of May 2002, established a permanent working group on animal welfare to coordinate and manage animal welfare activities of the OIE,

3. Since 2002, the Animal Welfare Working Group, has provided guidance for the development and the implementation of the OIE animal welfare programme,

4. That the standards setting work in relation to animal welfare is now well integrated into the work of the OIE, the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission and the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission,

5. The AWWG has achieved its objectives and the mandate of the Animal Welfare Working Group should be reviewed,

6. The OIE strategy related to Animal Welfare is currently well defined, in particular through the OIE Strategic Plans, the OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy and the Regional Animal Welfare Strategies and Platforms,

7. The OIE is establishing a Global Animal Welfare Forum, through which the OIE will continue to develop relevant animal welfare issues and priorities in consultation with scientists, industry, and civil society, in order to adjust its activities among the existing Strategic plans.

THE ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDS

1. The mandate of the permanent Animal Welfare Working Group be not renewed.

2. The Director General take steps to continue developing the OIE Animal Welfare programme according to the OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy as developed in document 85 SG/14

3. The OIE thank all the current and past members of the Working Group and acknowledge the important contribution this Working Group has made to the OIE animal welfare programme.