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Dear Director General,

Please find attached, for your informal information, the intended positions of the European Union (EU) on the reports of the Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal Health Commissions to be proposed for adoption at the General Session in May 2010 in Paris.


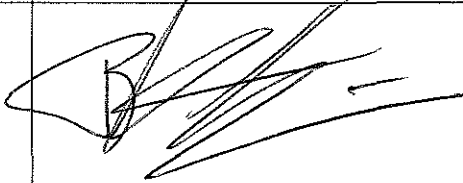
Regarding the modification proposed for the Terrestrial Manual, the EU has already sent its comments by e-mail for the Biological Standards Commission to consider. However, it has to be noted that if the modifications are presented for adoption at the General Session without the Members having been able to revise the modified version, it would have a very negative impact on the democratic procedure of adoption and thus on the legitimacy of the Standards.

Finally, you will find attached the EU position and comments on the 5th Strategic Plan, which should be taken into account in the final version and in the course of its implementation.

We take this opportunity to inform you that the EU supports the adoption of the proposed list of new zones free from FMD as proposed by the Scientific Commission, as well as the proposed new Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres as proposed by the Biological Standards Commission.

I trust you will find this useful and I thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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