

Costa Rica Steering Committee Meeting
24th – 25th November 2005
San Jose, Costa Rica

Recommendations for Ministerial Conference consideration

The following recommendations for the proposed Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare shall be forwarded to the Ministerial Conference:

Notes to text:

[] – insertion

~~Strikethrough~~ - deletion

1. Replace “The Manila Conference on animal welfare recognises” with “The Costa Rica Steering Committee, following on from the Manila Conference on Animal Welfare, confirms;”

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[The Costa Rica Steering Committee, following on from the Manila Conference on Animal Welfare, confirms:]

2. Replace “**RECOGNIZING** that animal welfare includes animal health;” with “**RECOGNIZING** that animal welfare includes animal health and that veterinarians have an essential role in maintaining both the health and welfare of animals;”

RECOGNIZING that animal welfare includes animal health [and that veterinarians have an essential role in maintaining both the health and welfare of animals;]

3. Replace “**RECOGNIZING** that humans share this planet with other species and other forms of life and that all forms of life co-exist within an interdependent ecosystem;” with “**RECOGNIZING** that humans inhabit this planet with other species and other forms of life and that all forms of life co-exist within an interdependent ecosystem;”

RECOGNIZING that humans ~~share~~ [inhabit] this planet with other species and other forms of life and that all forms of life co-exist within an interdependent ecosystem

4. Insert “**RECOGNIZING** the importance of the ongoing work of the OIE (World Organization for Animal Health) in setting global standards for animal welfare;”

[“**RECOGNIZING** the importance of the ongoing work of the OIE (World Organization for Animal Health) in setting global standards for animal welfare;”]

5. Replace the word “nation” with “state” throughout the Declaration

6. Replace “**AGREEING** that the term nation includes peoples, civil society and the state;” with “**AGREEING** that the term state includes people and civil society;”

AGREEING that the term ~~nation~~-state includes ~~peoples~~, [people and] civil society;

Three (7-9 below) alternative amendments to the same clause were proposed:

7. Replace “**RECOGNIZING** that, although there are significant social, economic, religious and cultural differences between human societies, each should care for and treat animals in a humane and sustainable manner;” with “**RECOGNIZING** that, although there are significant social, economic, religious and cultural differences between human societies, each should care for and treat animals in a humane and sustainable manner in accordance with the principles of the Declaration;”

RECOGNIZING that, although there are significant social, economic, religious and cultural differences between human societies, each should care for and treat animals in a humane and sustainable manner [in accordance with the principles of the Declaration];

8. Replace “2. The standards of animal welfare attained by each nation shall be promoted, recognized and observed by improved measures, nationally and internationally, respecting social and economic considerations and religious and cultural traditions;” with “2. The standards of animal welfare attained by each nation shall be promoted, recognized and observed by improved measures, nationally and internationally. Whilst there are significant social, economic and cultural differences between societies, each should care for and treat animals in a

humane and sustainable manner.” The fourth ‘**RECOGNIZING**’ statement is then deleted.

~~**RECOGNIZING** that, although there are significant social, economic, religious and cultural differences between human societies, each should care for and treat animals in a humane and sustainable manner;~~

2. The standards of animal welfare attained by each nation shall be promoted, recognized and observed by improved measures, nationally and internationally, ~~respecting social and economic considerations and religious and cultural traditions.~~ [Whilst there are significant social, economic and cultural differences between societies, each should care for and treat animals in a humane and sustainable manner.]

9. Replace “2. The standards of animal welfare attained by each nation shall be promoted, recognized and observed by improved measures, nationally and internationally, respecting social and economic considerations and religious and cultural traditions;” with “2. The standards of animal welfare attained by each nation shall be promoted, recognized and observed by improved measures, nationally and internationally;”

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