

13th Conference
of the
OIE Regional Commission for the Americas
Havana (Cuba), 26-29 March 1996

Recommendation No. 6

**Strategies for preserving the New World Screwworm (NWS) free status
of eradicated areas in North and Central America**

CONSIDERING THAT

During the 12th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas, held in Asunción (Paraguay) from 15 to 18 March 1994, the following recommendations were made:

- a) Member Countries of the Region use the screwworm project as a pilot for both a risk analysis and a cost benefit analysis,
- b) Member Countries support the goal of control or eradication.

In October 1995, Cuba reports the presence of New World Screwworm in its territory, thus changing the animal health situation in the Caribbean.

In accordance with the wish of the countries of the region, the subject of New World Screwworm was included in the agenda of the 13th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas, with the objective of analysing strategies for its control and eradication in the area.

THE OIE REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE AMERICAS
RECOMMENDS THAT

1. Studies be conducted to identify the seasonal and geographic distribution and the economic impact of New World Screwworm, as well as control methods employed in the countries of the region.
2. A proposal be elaborated for a regional project for the eradication of New World Screwworm in the Caribbean, including funding alternatives.
3. Economic resources be made available when necessary for eradication and sterile insects produced in sufficient quantity and of sufficient quality.
4. Involved governments fully support the campaign without changes of policy.
5. All countries free of New World Screwworm establish and maintain efficient and strict quarantine inspection programmes.
6. The OIE consider the situation, support previous recommendations and establish coordination with the FAO to follow up the situation.