

**COMPLIANCE OF VETERINARY SERVICES  
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CONSIDERING**

1. The adoption by OIE *Member Countries* of the 4<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan which considers Veterinary Services as essential players to reach its objectives and their promotion as well as their recognition by International donors as an international Public Good desirable,
2. That the compliance of VS with International Standards as described in Chapters 1.3.3. and 1.3.4. of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* aims at a better efficiency of the VS,
3. The need to have a universal assessment tool applicable to all VS and animal health authorities worldwide,
4. That the OIE has developed the PVS instrument to assist *Member Countries* on the evaluation of VS in the advancement of their activities in compliance with International standards,
5. The evaluation of VS based on the PVS tool is a dynamic mechanism which:
  - provides a basis for establishing a routine monitoring of the overall level of performance of the VS over time and offers wide opportunities to the VS,

- Identifies present justification and specific needs when applying for national / International financial support,

and provide the basis for carrying-out a process of verifying compliance with the OIE standards.

### **THE PARTICIPANTS RECOMMEND THAT:**

1. OIE in collaboration with other International Organisations, continue its effort to convince policy and decision-makers to consider the VS as an International public good and secure sustainable financial and human resources necessary for the empowerment of their performance for the benefit of society,
2. *Member Countries* exercise a policy of good governance based on a continuous self-evaluation of their VS by using the PVS tool as a guide and seek OIE expertise for **assistance** including training of national staff and external evaluation when relevant,
3. VS in the region strengthen links with inter-sectoral bodies and stakeholders to ensure the effectiveness of their activities (disease control plan, veterinary public health, animal welfare...),
4. The newly established Central Laboratory in Kuwait be developed according to the *OIE* standards in order to become a regional laboratory to assist the VS in enhancing their diagnostic capabilities and subsequently become an OIE Reference Laboratory,
5. *Member Countries* organize national workshops to increase the awareness of the decision makers, VS personnel, stakeholders and potential users on the importance of compliance with international standards.