RESOLUTION: 13, 18, 25, 26 and 30 Combined  APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON IMPORT/EXPORT
COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS
COMMITTEE ON FOOD SAFETY
COMMITTEE ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF CATTLE, BISON AND CAMELIDS
COMMITTEE ON BLUETONGUE AND BOVINE RETROVIRUSES

SUBJECT MATTER: GLOBAL INITIATIVES IN VETERINARY EDUCATION

DATES: Hershey, Pennsylvania – November 3-9, 2005

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) has launched a program called Global Initiatives in Veterinary Education (GIVE) to support companion colleges in developing countries. Strengthening veterinary education abroad will improve livestock health infrastructures, expedite international trade, improve food safety and sow the seeds of world peace by supporting human-animal bonding and reducing starvation. This program is intended to provide needed expertise for governmental and private veterinarians, strengthen regulatory infrastructures, improve cooperation among the health professions, promote animal health extension and outreach programs and encourage academic research within and between developing and developed countries.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) supports the concept of Global Initiatives in Veterinary Education (GIVE) undertaken by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) to strengthen veterinary education in developing countries and urges its allied and official agency member organizations to cooperate in this enterprise.