CONSIDERING THAT

1. The OIE’s Basic Texts provide the Terms of Reference, designation criteria, and internal rules for OIE Reference Laboratories,

2. The Terms of Reference of the OIE Biological Standards Commissions include the responsibility to examine applications from Member Countries relating to the creation of new OIE Reference Laboratories with activities corresponding to the Commission’s scientific mandate and report its findings to the Director General,

3. All OIE Reference Laboratory applications are assessed using standardised criteria that include: the institution’s ability, capacity and readiness to provide services; the scientific and technical standing of the institution concerned at the national and international levels; the quality of its scientific and technical leadership including internationally recognised expertise; the institution’s prospective stability in terms of personnel, activity and funding; and the technical and geographical relevance of the institution and its activities to OIE’s programme priorities,

4. Details of the applicant laboratories that have been assessed by the OIE Biological Standards Commission are published in the report of the meeting of the Commission,

5. All Reference Laboratory applications are endorsed by the OIE Council,

6. Proposals for a major change in an OIE Reference Laboratory follow the same procedure,

7. Article 4 of the Internal Rules for OIE Reference Centres states that “Applications endorsed by the Council shall be presented to the Assembly for approval”,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

To designate the following new OIE Reference Laboratories for terrestrial animal diseases and add them to the list of OIE Reference Laboratories (available on the OIE web site):

- OIE Reference Laboratory for Avian chlamydiosis (Chlamydia psittaci)
  Laboratory for Immunology and Animal Biotechnology, Ghent University, BELGIUM

- OIE Reference Laboratory for Peste des petits ruminants
  National Diagnostic Center for Exotic Animal Diseases, China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center, Qingdao, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- OIE Reference Laboratory for Leishmaniosis
  Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Sicilia (IZSSi), Centro di Referenza Nazionale per le Leishmaniosi (C.Re.Na.L.), Palermo, ITALY
OIE Reference Laboratory for Babesiosis
IZSSI, Centro di Referenza Nazionale per Anaplasma, Babesia, Rickettsia e Theileria (C.R.A.Ba.R.T.), Palermo, ITALY

OIE Reference Laboratory for Theileriosis
IZSSI, C.R.A.Ba.R.T., Palermo, ITALY

OIE Reference Laboratory for Rabies
Centro Nacional de Servicios de Diagnóstico en Salud Animal Carretera Federal, Tecámac, Mexico City, MEXICO

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