

**First Meeting
of the
Regional Steering Committee of the FAO/OIE GF-TADs for Europe**
OIE Headquarters, Paris, 13-14 October 2005

Recommendation No. 1

**Support of Member Countries of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe
to the projects identified under the FAO/OIE GF-TADs**

CONSIDERING THAT

Although the major transboundary animal diseases of epidemic/economic importance do not occur in most of Europe but may pose an important threat to the continent due to the transboundary nature of these diseases,.

The Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Europe considers that priority diseases for Europe include foot and mouth disease, avian influenza, classical swine fever, rabies and peste des petits ruminants,

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RECOMMENDS THAT

European countries and donors including the EC support the FAO/OIE GF-TADs objectives in helping non-European Regional Support Units (RSUs) to be established in Northern Africa, Middle East and Central Asia through the relevant GF-TADs Regional Steering Committees of the regions concerned, to better identify primary endemic areas where pathogens have found an ecological niche, through laboratory and epidemiological networks established under the guidance of the Global and relevant Regional GF-TADs Steering Committees.