

ACCESS TO THIRD MARKETS FOR GMO PRODUCTS AND GMO PRODUCT
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MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

The Ministers of Agriculture from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay, members of the Agricultural Council of the South (CAS), assembled in Buenos Aires, Argentina,

Consider that:

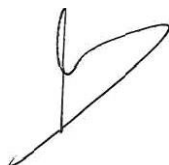
1. Given the importance of the production of commodities deriving from Genetically Modified Organisms in the countries of our region.
2. The new technologies represent an absolutely important tool in order to contribute to global food security and safety.
3. It is compelling to coordinate actions to cope with the challenges faced by our countries when they export their products to the main target markets.

Declare that:

1. It is essential for our region to strengthen the work done to prevent and/or solve the commercial problems resulting from the different regulatory frameworks or the asynchronous GMO approvals; all of which implies to:
 - a. Share updated information on legal/regulatory frameworks, and their potential changes in major markets, which may affect the exports from member countries
 - b. Keep updated the list of GM events approved in each CAS member country.
 - c. Share information on GM events pending approval in each CAS member country.
 - d. Engage efforts to avoid intra-regional asynchronous approvals.
2. It will be sought consensus among CAS member countries on positions at bilateral/regional/multilateral negotiations.
3. The “Biotechnology Public Policies” Task Force 5, supported by the CAS Administrative Technical Secretariat, should be instructed to collect the information required in item 1 - paragraphs a, b, and c, and to implement the instruction specified in item 2.



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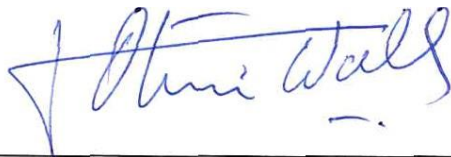
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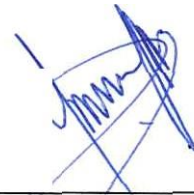
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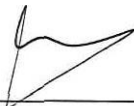
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