

DETECTION OF VARROASIS IN MADAGASCAR

Statement by Madagascar at the Meeting of 17 and 18 March 2010

The following communication, received on 17 March 2010, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Madagascar.

1. At the last meeting of the Committee in October 2009, Madagascar submitted a communication on surveillance of honey production with a view to requesting the lifting of the prohibition on exports to the European Union. Unfortunately, subsequent surveys and reports revealed the presence of Varroasis in certain honey-producing areas in the Analamanga region. The disease was declared to the OIE.

2. As there is a fairly significant threat that the disease could spread, a surveillance team was set up to conduct survey missions in all areas, and surveillance measures were reinforced so that the prevalence of the disease could be assessed and suitable measures found to eradicate the vector.

3. We would like to thank all of the partners for the moral and financial support that has enabled us to conduct different SPS activities and to participate in SPS Committee meetings: the Committee Secretariat, the European Union, SACAU, the African Union, and COMESA.
