



Montevideo, 27th August 2018

Jingyuan Xia
Secretary

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Dear Secretary Xia:

This letter is to express the support of the Seed Association of Americas regarding NAPPO's proposal to the 2018 IPPC call for topics, for the IPPC to develop an Annex to ISPM 38 - International movement of seeds focused on the "Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds".

SAA is an observer member at the IPPC. It was created in 2005, as a non-governmental organization that fully represents the interests of the Seed Industry throughout the Americas. Its main purposes are to educate and support development, marketing and free movement of the seed within the Americas and to advocate seed industry legislation and regulation issues.

At present, SAA is composed of 11 country members through their National Seed Associations: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, México, Paraguay, Peru, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela and seed companies as affiliate members.

As NAPPO region is under our scope and the ISPM 38 is a top priority for SAA, we are currently working with our member countries and NAPPO to facilitate the movement of seeds globally.

We support NAPPO's proposal as it considers and gathers the procedures that the seed industry is applying today while in compliance with the phytosanitary requirements.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important topic.

Yours sincerely,

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Diego Risso
Executive Director