



Invitation to the 12th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

Incheon, Republic of Korea, 5-11 April 2017

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has the honour to refer to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and to extend an invitation to attend the 12th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures. The Session will be held in Incheon, Republic of Korea, at the Songdo Convention Center from 5 to 11 April 2017. The adoption of the Report will take place on Tuesday 11 April.

The Session is being convened under the provisions of Article XI of the International Plant Protection Convention (1997) and is open to all Contracting Parties to the Convention.

The Session will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The Provisional Agenda is enclosed and other working documents will be made available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP): www.ippc.int

The Director-General would appreciate being informed as soon as possible of the name(s) of the representative(s) designated to attend the Session by email to IPPC-CPM12@fao.org, together with a recent passport-size digital photograph.

The original copy of the credentials of the representative(s) as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted by **17 March 2017** to:

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For ACTION/INFORMATION, as appropriate:

- Main Addressees (Ministers for Foreign Affairs or Agriculture or other addressees selected by the Government);
- Permanent Representatives to FAO/Embassies.

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- i. bear the signature of, or are signed on behalf of, one of the following authorities: Head of State, Head of Government, Minister for Foreign Affairs or Minister for the Department concerned;
- ii. are letters signed by an Ambassador, Chief of Mission or Chargé d'Affaires, which contain a phrase confirming that they are acting upon instruction from their governments;
- iii. are "Ordres de Mission" if specific mention is made of the current session of the CPM-12 and if they are signed by the Minister concerned;
- iv. are Notes Verbales; and
- v. are scanned copies of the original credentials.

... An example of credentials is attached for your information. If credentials are submitted in copy, the originals should be submitted upon registration.

Participants are advised to contact their nearest Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Korea as soon as possible to ascertain whether they need to apply for a visa to enter the country.