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1. The International Seed Federation (ISF) welcomes the decision of the Standards Committee to present the ISPM on the International Movement of Seed to the CPM for adoption. This standard is of major importance to support the safe movement of seeds for planting across the borders of IPPC member countries. The movement of seeds for planting is a precondition to achieve food security, especially in developing countries. In anticipation of its adoption in Incheon, ISF is undertaking efforts to promote and raise awareness of the ISPM on the International Movement of Seed among its members. A workshop is planned in May 2017 on the occasion of ISF's Annual World Seed Congress in Budapest to provide training to seed industry representatives on the provisions of the standard.

2. ISF is also continuing its efforts to develop and publish new Regulated Pest Lists for seed species that are traded internationally (see <http://www.worldseed.org/our-work/phytosanitary-matters/pest-lists/>), as they serve as a resource for seed companies and to promote science-based phytosanitary requirements for seeds.

3. The IPPC initiatives on Electronic Certification (ePhyto) are appreciated. The seed industry is of the view that ePhyto will support the harmonization of export and import procedures of plants and plant materials, thereby facilitating trade and reducing transactional costs. As a member of the Industry Advisory Group, ISF looks forward to continuing its collaboration with the IPPC on ePhyto.

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