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International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)
Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department (AG),
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations,
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy

Dear Secretary Xia,

This letter is to express the support of the North American Plant Protection Organization, representing the countries of Canada, the United States and Mexico, regarding the proposal to the 2018 IPPC call for topics being submitted by the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency, Department of Plant Quarantine of the Republic of Korea. The proposal is for the development of an Appendix to ISPM 23 – Guidelines for Inspection. The Appendix would focus on Risk-Based Sampling.

NAPPO is in full support of the Republic of Korea's proposal on this extremely important and timely topic in light of the ever-diminishing resources of NPPOs and their continued task of protecting the plant resources of their country. I hereby confirm that our stakeholders – both from Government and industry - also view this topic as a priority.

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

Best regards,

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