Notes for SPG to support the discussion on the strategic framework

1. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the IPPC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030 with the participants of the 2019 Strategic Planning Group.
2. The discussion at this meeting follows discussions held over the last 3 years in Strategic Planning Group meetings and meetings of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). In addition it has been a regular topic in meetings of the Bureau.
3. We are now nearing the end of a lengthy development and approval process. Following the timeframes agreed for this work by the Commission, the Strategic Framework is due to be presented to the Commission in April 2019 for endorsement. Following endorsement it will be presented for adoption at a planned Ministerial level CPM in April 2020 as part of the International Year of Plant Health 2020 celebrations.
4. A formal consultation among contracting parties took place during 2018. A high level of engagement ensued resulting in 850 comments being received. These comments have been carefully considered by the authors and largely accepted for inclusion in the document.
5. Many comments provided were helpful editorial improvements to readability. Some technical comments were received that have helped to improve consistent use of specific IPPC terms. Most of these comments have been accepted. However, we ask meeting participants to recognise that this document is not an ISPM or CPM Recommendation. As a strategy, its primary purpose is to communicate our intentions to many external parties who are not familiar with our glossary of terms and the precise usages we often apply to common terminology. In that light, we ask participants to be tolerant of wording that is not entirely ‘accurate’ to well attuned ears.
6. Some comments suggested deletion of development agenda programmes and other changes to elements of the strategic framework. The authors will discuss how they have considered these issues during the SPG meeting.
7. It is recommended that SPG 2018:
8. *Agrees* to recommend the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 to the Bureau for endorsement by contracting parties at CPM 2019.