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1. The year 2018 has been remarkable for the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Community, with the extensive dissemination of the annual theme of “Plant Health and Environmental Protection”. Thanks to strong support from all relevant stakeholders, the IPPC Secretariat continuously improved its performance and increased its impact globally, regionally and nationally. This report includes ten outstanding achievements by the IPPC Secretariat in 2018:

- *Supported* IPPC governing activities
- *Strengthened* standards setting
- *Strengthened* standards implementation
- *Advanced* IPPC ePhyto solutions
- *Promoted* the proclamation of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) 2020
- *Disseminated* the 2018 IPPC annual theme “Plant Health and Environmental Protection”
- *Promoted* communication and advocacy
- *Promoted* international cooperation
- *Enhanced* resource mobilization
- *Optimized* internal management

2. **IPPC governance.** All important IPPC governing bodies’ meetings were well organized in particular for the 13th session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-13) with a record 498 participants. A Focus Group on Commodity and Pathway Standards (FGCPS), and a Task Force for Topics (TFT) were established. The IPPC strategic framework for 2020-2030 has been improved through integrating comments from all IPPC contracting parties and over 20 international and regional partner organizations.

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3. **Standards setting.** Ten phytosanitary standards were adopted, including four International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), five Diagnostic Protocols (DPs), and one Phytosanitary Treatment (PT). Twenty-two international standards plus one CPM Recommendation were progressed, and 37 new topics were added to the work programme for developing new DPs and PTs.
4. **Standards implementation.** The Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) was conducted in four countries (Barbados, Lebanon, Uzbekistan and Tunisia). Six international, regional and national projects, were carried out for implementing the IPPC and its ISPMs. Seven IPPC regional workshops and one IPPC workshop on National Reporting Obligations (NRO) were organised with a record 222 participants.
5. **ePhyto solutions.** The IPPC ePhyto Hub opened for business with 26 countries registered as of December 2018. The IPPC Generic National System (GeNS) completed its development and initiated its pilot phase. The 3rd IPPC Global Symposium on ePhyto was organized in Malaysia with 83 participants from 36 countries and 20 international or regional organizations.
6. **The International Year Plant Health (IYPH) in 2020.** The IYPH 2020 was officially declared by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018, and a reception for promoting it was organized in UN-HQs in New York. The skeleton of the IYPH programme events and their associated estimated costs was approved at CPM-13, and the 4th meeting of the IPPC IYPH Steering Committee was organized at FAO-HQs in Rome.
7. **IPPC annual theme.** The IPPC's 2018 annual theme of Plant Health and Environmental Protection was the subject of the keynote speech, special topic session and side event at CPM-13, as well as an IPPC Seminar and a number of IPPC factsheets.
8. **Communications and advocacy.** The migration of the IPP under FAO.org with a new design, more functional structure, renewed contents and better usability, was initiated. The IPPC's visibility and impact were enhanced with 105 IPPC news items, 34 video interviews and 20 IPPC publications, as well as by a 30 percent increase in the use of social media.
9. **International cooperation.** IPPC partnership has been established with 38 international and regional organization. A cooperation agreement of IPPC Secretariat with World Customs Organization (WCO) was signed. The 2017-2018 Joint Work Programme of IPPC Secretariat with Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was implemented.
10. **Resource mobilization.** A record amount of funding for the IPPC Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) was received from seven contracting parties. Two IPPC projects were funded by the European Union (EU) and the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), respectively. IPPC in-kind contributions were received from 36 national, regional and international donors.
11. **Internal management.** The reorganization of the IPPC Secretariat was completed based on its Enhanced Evaluation, with the establishment of the Standard Setting Unit (SSU), the Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU), the Integration and Support Team (IST) and the ePhyto Group. The planning and budget management of the IPPC secretariat was optimized.
12. The year 2018 was memorable for the IPPC Community and the IPPC Secretariat from many points of view. 2019 will be another remarkable year for the IPPC, with its annual theme of "Plant Health and Capacity Development". It will also be a key year for the IPPC Secretariat and Community as they lead global plant health stakeholders towards the IYPH celebration in 2020. We look forward to your continued support and dedication to the IPPC mission for protecting the world's plant resources from pests.
13. The IPPC Secretariat wishes to express its deepest appreciation to the IPPC Governing Bodies for their valuable guidance and oversight; to all contracting parties (NPPOs) and the Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) for their strong support and positive contribution; and to all partners and collaborators for their close cooperation.

14. The CPM is invited to:

- 1) *note* the report presented by the IPCC Secretariat.