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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr Javier TRUJILLO, Chairperson of the Commission for Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), welcomed all participants and opened the meeting.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1 Documents list

- [2] The List of Documents is attached to this report as [Annex 01](#).

2.2 Participants list

- [3] Mr Lucien KOUAME KONAN (Africa) sent his regrets for this meeting. The List of Participants is attached to this report as [Annex 02](#).

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [4] Ms Marica GATT (Europe) proposed the CPM Bureau discuss the opportunity to include the IPPC Secretary appointment during the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG); the CPM Chairperson agreed to include this discussion under Any Other Business. The Provisional Agenda was adopted with the proposed modifications and is attached to this report as [Annex 03](#).

4. Positioning and profile of IPPC Secretariat in new FAO Structure

- [5] Mr Javier TRUJILLO, informed the CPM Bureau that he sent the letter in his capacity as CPM Chairperson to Ms Beth BECHDOL, Deputy Director-General (DDG) of FAO, underlining the key elements of what needed to be addressed in the positioning of the IPPC Secretariat within FAO as discussed during the previous CPM Bureau meeting.
- [6] Mr John GREIFER (North America) also informed the CPM Bureau about a meeting between the FAO Management and his region's representatives, during which the same key elements were raised while discussing the IPPC Secretariat's positioning within FAO.
- [7] Mr Peter THOMSON (South West Pacific) reported that the discussion has been shared in the region, with a consensus on said key elements regarding the IPPC Secretariat positioning within FAO, and thanked the CPM Chairperson for taking action in the agreed direction.
- [8] The CPM Bureau:

- (1) *Agreed* to review the outcomes of the letter submitted to the FAO DDG and take further action as needed to secure maintaining a high positioning and profile of the IPPC Secretariat in the renewed FAO structure.

5. CPM-15 Contingency Planning

- [9] This item was deferred to another meeting.

6. Any Other Business

- [10] items deferred from previous meetings

6.1 IPPC community and "One health" approach

- [11] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the topic¹ to the CPM Bureau by highlighting the core elements on the "One Health" approach, clarifying that Ms Lois RANSOM, former CPM Chairperson, co-authored the document. The IPPC Secretariat highlighted the paper's focus on the IPPC critical role in making

¹ 04_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel

international trade safer, while contributing to food security, environmental protection, amongst others, noting how human health and animal health are directly or indirectly dependent on plant health.

- [12] Several CPM Bureau members raised concerns regarding the shift towards the “One Health” approach as said approach was deemed inappropriate for the IPPC community and even confusing stakeholders on the role of plant health. Ms Marica GATT (Europe) mentioned that the European Union (EU) has already adopted an integrated approach with positive outcomes at regional level. She noted that this approach is not necessarily yet applied at the national level widely.
- [13] The CPM Chairperson summarised the discussion, noting that it may be too early to adopt the “One Health” approach for the IPPC community and that the focus should remain on the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030, avoiding any additions for the time being. He concluded that the CPM Bureau did not express its support towards the content of the document but remains available for future discussions on the role of plant health in the “One Health” approach.
- [14] The CPM Bureau:
- (2) *Discussed* the potential role of plant health in the “One Health” approach and *concluded* that the current evidence, priorities and resources do not justify a wider involvement by the CPM Bureau and the IPPC Secretariat in this regard,
 - (3) *Agreed* to review the relevant decision if further elements arise and as deemed relevant.

6.2 Phytosanitary Treatment Research Tool

- [15] The IPPC Secretariat presented the paper on this topic², clarifying that it is an information paper only. The CPM Bureau expressed satisfaction for this tool and acknowledged the information shared by the paper. Some CPM Bureau members highlighted that the role of the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) needed to be better clarified in light of the shared information. The IPPC Secretariat explained the process thoroughly, emphasising that the TPPT would not be approving treatments under this process but would review whether such treatments are legitimately used in trade, without any evaluation against ISPM 28 criteria..
- [16] The CPM Bureau:
- (4) *Noted* the information paper on the phytosanitary treatment research tool.

6.3 Primary outline of IPPC Partnership Strategy

- [17] The IPPC Secretariat described the content of the proposal for renewing the IPPC partnership strategy³, highlighting the core content, noting that the CPM Bureau provided some comments, particularly from North America and South West Pacific regions, that are being included into the paper to share it at the upcoming SPG meeting.
- [18] The CPM Bureau:
- (5) *Endorsed* the primary outline of the IPPC Partnership Strategy for SPG discussion.

6.4 Primary concept note on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination

- [19] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the discussion on the concept note for Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination. The CPM Bureau expressed appreciation for the work done by the IPPC Secretariat but highlighted how the proposed coordination role of regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) in this framework may cause some issues in certain regions, inviting the IPPC Secretariat to propose an alternative approach.

² 05_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel

³ 06_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel

[20] The IPPC Secretariat commented that this initiative is at an early stage and the proposed concept note will be amended and presented for discussion during the next session of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG).

[21] The CPM Bureau:

- (6) *Endorsed* the paper for SPG discussion.
- (7) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to review the concept note based on comments provided.
- (8) *Agreed* to hold further discussions following the SPG meeting on this topic.

6.5 Primary concept note on Impact of Climate Change on Plant Health

[22] The IPPC Secretariat introduced the discussion on the concept note on Impact of Climate Change on Plant Health. Several CPM Bureau underlined how this topic needs further planning and clarity on the implementation steps that the IPPC Secretariat foresees during the next decade, highlighting how the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030 will be reviewed in due course and may be modified according to novel topics as they arise.

[23] Mr John GREIFER (North America) added that more work was needed to better clarify and define the plant health aspects in relation to climate change, which may be amenable for NPPO interventions. He further noted that introducing this discussion at the International Plant Health Conference in Helsinki may make an important contribution to deepening and improving the understanding of climate change impacts on pest distribution and spread, which may in turn provide a stronger basis for considering the range of responses, mitigations, or actions by NPPOs, RPPOs, and CPM. The CPM Bureau expressed its appreciation for said approach.

[24] The CPM Bureau agreed to endorse this paper for discussion during the next SPG meeting, clarifying that such an endorsement does not imply an agreement on its content.

[25] The CPM Bureau:

- (9) *Endorsed* the paper for SPG discussion.
- (10) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to review the concept note based on comments provided.

6.6 Adding IPPC Secretariat's positioning within FAO and IPPC Secretary's selection

[26] The CPM Bureau discussed the topic briefly and unanimously agreed to include the discussion on the IPPC Secretariat positioning within FAO and the selection of the next IPPC Secretary during the next SPG meeting.

[27] The CPM Bureau:

- (11) *Agreed* to add a point in the SPG Agenda to discuss the next IPPC Secretary appointment.
- (12) *Asked* the Chairperson to draft a paper in this regard.

7. Next Meeting

[28] The next session of the CPM Bureau will take place virtually on 7 October from 12:00 to 14:00 (CET).

8. Closing of the Meeting

[29] The CPM Chairperson thanked all the attendees for their active participation and closed the meeting.

Annex 01 – Documents List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	03	Agenda	2020-09-01
02_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	02.1	Documents List	2020-09-01
03_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	02.2	Participants List	2020-08-06
04_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	07.3	Primary concept note on Impact of Climate Change on Plant Health	2020-08-21
05_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	07.2	Primary concept note on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination	2020-08-21
06_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	05	Review of 2020 Strategic Planning Group Agenda	2020-08-27
07_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	09	Proposed IPPC positioning in new FAO structure	2020-08-28
08_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	07.1	Primary outline of IPPC Partnership Strategy	2020-09-01
IPP LINKS:			
Report Bureau June 2020			
Report Bureau May 2020			
Report Bureau April 2020			
Report Bureau Dec 2019			
SPG October 2019 Report			

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Annex 03 – Provisional Agenda

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1	Opening of the Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO
2	Meeting Arrangements		Arop DENG
2.1	Documents list	02_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	
2.2	Participants list	03_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	
3	Adoption of the Agenda	01_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Javier TRUJILLO
4	Positioning and profile of IPPC Secretariat in new FAO Structure	--	Javier TRUJILLO
5	CPM-15 Contingency Planning	--	Javier TRUJILLO
6	Any Other Business – items deferred from previous meetings		Javier TRUJILLO
	- IPPC community and “One health” approach	04_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Mirko MONTUORI / Craig FEDCHOCK
	- Phytosanitary Treatment Research Tool	05_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Avetik NERSISYAN / Brent LARSON
	- Primary outline of IPPC Partnership Strategy	06_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Arop DENG / Mirko MONTUORI
	- Primary concept note on Global Phytosanitary Research Coordination	07_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Arop DENG / Mirko MONTUORI
	- Primary concept note on Impact of Climate Change on Plant Health	08_Bureau_2020_Sep_Tel	Arop DENG / Mirko MONTUORI
7	Next Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO
8	Closing of the Meeting	--	Javier TRUJILLO

Annex 04 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1	Review the outcomes of the letter submitted to the FAO DDG and take further action as needed to secure maintaining a high positioning and profile of the IPPC Secretariat in the renewed FAO structure.	CPM Bureau	CPM Chairperson / Arop DENG / Mirko MONTUORI	Before FAO Council (December 2020)
2	Review the relevant decision on the potential role of plant health in the “One Health” approach if further elements arise and as deemed relevant.	CPM Bureau	Francisco Javier TRUJILLO ARRIAGA	Ongoing
3	Review the draft IPPC partnerships strategy based on comments provided by the CPM Bureau, in view of presenting it to the SPG meeting.		Arop DENG / Mirko MONTUORI / Riccardo MAZZUCHELLI	25 September 2020
4	Review the concept note on global phytosanitary research coordination based on comments provided by the CPM Bureau, in view of presenting it to the SPG meeting.	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG / Mirko MONTUORI	25 September 2020
5	Review the concept note on impact of climate change on plant health based on comments provided by the CPM Bureau, in view of presenting it to the SPG meeting.	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG / Viivi KUVAJA / Mirko MONTUORI	25 September 2020
6	Ensure that the issues of the IPPC Secretariat's positioning within FAO and the selection of the new IPPC Secretary are added to the next SPG Agenda.	CPM Bureau	Lucien KUAME KONAN	By SPG meeting (8 October 2020)
7	Draft an SPG paper on the issues of the IPPC Secretariat's positioning within FAO and the selection of the new IPPC Secretary	CPM Bureau	Francisco Javier TRUJILLO ARRIAGA	25 September 2020