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**Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) and its members statements
on Selected Agenda Item**

Agenda items 10.1

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Intervention by the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) and members on Draft CPM Recommendation: *Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)*

1. The members of the PPPO region support the adoption of the text, as presented in Annex 1 of Paper 16.
 2. The PPPO would like to thank contracting parties for their comments throughout the two rounds of country consultation of this CPM recommendation. The PPPO would also like to thank the CPM Bureau for reviewing the draft text and agreeing for its presentation to CPM15 for adoption.
 3. The members of the PPPO region would like to raise their disappointment that the appendices were removed from this version of the CPM recommendation presented for adoption. The members of the PPPO understand that there was significant opposition to the inclusion of the appendices as they contained information that was not strictly within the scope of the IPPC. However, the PPPO believe that removal of the appendices does not provide sufficient guidance to support the recommendation.
 4. Like many regions of the world, the Pacific experiences extreme natural disasters necessitating provision of much appreciated international aid. The Pacific sees an urgent need to develop a standard on this issue. Therefore, we would like to inform the CPM and contracting parties that the PPPO region intends to submit a proposal for an ISPM on this subject during the 2021 Call for Topics and will seek inclusion of information as was contained in the CPM Recommendation appendices. We would welcome support of our proposal from other contracting parties and regions.
 5. Our desire for an ISPM on this topic is due to the nature of provision of food aid and the preference for recipient countries and aid donors to have all relevant information contained in one document that is practical, clear and comprehensive thereby supporting implementation and reducing scope for confusion during a crisis. Aid recipient countries and donor organisations are urgently seeking more comprehensive information to provide some comfort that there is awareness and understanding of import requirements and potential long-term risks movement of pests can cause and so reduce this risk at times of crisis.
 6. In addition, the PPPO is developing an RSPM on this issue to support our members in the region.
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