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***16th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures
5, 7 and 21 April 2022
Virtual meeting***

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Bureau of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (hereinafter “CPM Bureau”) held deliberations in connection to the 16th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-16) to occur virtually to facilitate participation of IPPC Contracting Parties and to respect the current provisions to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 19 October 2021, Ms Beth Bechdol, FAO Deputy Director-General, requested IPPC Contracting Parties to endorse the proposal by the CPM Bureau to hold the CPM by virtual means. The decision required a qualified majority of two thirds, equal to one hundred and twenty-three Contracting Parties. IPPC Contracting Parties could express their endorsement by participating in a poll on the IPPC website from 19 October to 21 December 2021.

I am pleased to announce that the required majority of IPPC Contracting Parties endorsed the proposal as detailed by the FAO Deputy Director-General. Thus, CPM-16 will take place on 5, 7 and 21 April 2022 virtually, in accordance with the schedule posted on the IPPC website at <https://www.ippc.int/>. We would like to thank you for your active participation in this poll.

The following rules are now in effect:

- i. CPM-16 will be held virtually, noting that meeting documents are being made available on the IPPC website (www.ippc.int).*
- ii. exceptionally suspend any rules of the CPM Rules of Procedure that presuppose/imply in-person sessions of the Commission; and*
- iii. The CPM Bureau is authorized to assess whether credentials of Contracting Parties are in conformity with the requirements of the Organization and report to the CPM accordingly.*

Kindly also note that the FAO Director-General has sent the invitation letters to respective Ministries of IPPC Contracting Parties.

Please confirm your attendance at this virtual meeting by 25 February 2022 by writing to ippc@fao.org. Once you have confirmed your participation you will receive the personalized Zoom link for the meeting. Guidelines on how to participate in Zoom meetings are available [here](#). The same Zoom link that will be received will be used to carry out two dry run sessions on 4 April 2022 from 9:00 to 10:00 am and 6:00 to 7:00 pm (Rome time).

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Please, kindly be advised that participation to a virtual meeting requires the correct functioning of all the necessary equipment (computer, video camera and microphone) and a stable connection to the internet, which should be tested prior to the beginning of the Session. Similarly, it is advised to keep your microphone and video camera off while participating in the proceedings and should be turned on while taking the floor. Additionally, kindly allocate an adequate amount of time to familiarise yourself with the software, which offer stools to participate fully and orderly.

Please also note that credentials will be reviewed by the CPM Bureau, who will report to the CPM plenary in this regard.

I look forward to your active participation in the virtual CPM-16 to advance the IPPC mission of protecting global plant resources and facilitating safe trade.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Avetik Nersisyan', written in a cursive style.

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