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1. Opening of the meeting

1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat and SC chairperson

- [1] The Standard Setting Unit (SSU) lead, Avetik NERSISYAN, welcomed all participants to this focused meeting of the Standards Committee (SC) and congratulated Sophie PETERSON (Australia) on her election as SC chairperson. He extended a particular welcome to the new member of the SC, Matías GONZÁLEZ BÚTTERA (Argentina), and to the members of the technical panels who were attending as silent observers.
- [2] The SSU lead explained that, following the appointment of the new IPPC Secretary, the IPPC Secretariat (hereafter referred to as “the secretariat”) were reviewing their structure, approaches, priorities and future steps, and should be able to update the SC about this in more detail at the SC meeting in November. Responsibilities within the SSU were also being reviewed and the outcome would be shared with SC members on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP). The SSU lead confirmed that FAO was now allowing face-to-face meetings to be organized and so it was hoped that this would be the last SC meeting to be held in virtual mode. He also looked forward to meeting SC members at the first International Plant Health Conference, to be held in London on 21–23 September 2022. Turning to the main focus of this SC meeting – updates from the technical panels – he encouraged SC members and technical panel members to make suggestions about how to improve working arrangements.
- [3] The SC chairperson welcomed all participants and encouraged all SC members to contribute to the meeting.
- [4] The following SC members were absent: Prudence Tonator ATTIPOE (Ghana), Imad (M.E) Jrouh AL-AWAD (Jordan), Samuel BISHOP (United Kingdom), Gerald Glenn F. PANGANIBAN (Philippines) and Joanne WILSON (New Zealand).

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1 Election of the rapporteur

- [5] The SC elected Steve CÔTÉ (Canada) as rapporteur.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

- [6] The SC adopted the agenda (Appendix 1), agreeing to consider under agenda item 6.1 the format of the November SC meeting and whether there is a need for a focused meeting in September.

3. Administrative matters

- [7] The secretariat introduced the documents list (Appendix 2) and the participants list (Appendix 3). The secretariat invited participants to notify the secretariat of any information that required updating in the participants list or was missing from it.

4. Technical panel updates and review of workplans

4.1 Technical Panel for the Glossary

Update on activities

- [8] The steward, Álvaro SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE (Chile), presented an update on changes to the membership of the Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG), an overview of TPG activities carried out in the period June 2021 to July 2022, and the TPG’s workplan for 2022–2023.¹ The following activities and issues were highlighted.
- [9] Following the resignation of the TPG members for the Russian language and the Chinese language, the SC had selected a new member for the Russian language, but the selection of a new member for the

¹ 04_SC_Tel_2022_Jul.

Chinese language had yet to be confirmed as the SC had not been able to reach consensus. One of the members for the English language, Asenath Abigael KOECH (Kenya), had reached the end of her term and the TPG recommended that her membership be renewed for another term. The TPG had also recommended that the SC consider revising Specification TP 5 (*Technical Panel for the Glossary*) to increase the number of Spanish-language experts on the TPG, because of the increase in workload resulting from the numerous consultation comments in Spanish and dealing with Spanish-translation issues.

- [10] Currently, 18 subjects are on the TPG work programme. In the period 2021 to 2022, the TPG had reviewed comments received from the first consultation of the draft 2021 amendments to the Glossary, reviewed for consistency four other draft ISPMs sent for first consultation, including the corresponding consultation comments submitted, and submitted proposals for the draft 2022 amendments to the Glossary to the SC for approval for consultation in 2022.
- [11] In other work, the TPG had agreed some modifications to the “General recommendations on use of terms in ISPMs” and associated introductory wording in the *IPPC style guide* (sections 5.1 and 5.2 in the 2019 version), and updated its workplan for 2022–2023, further details of which can be found in the SC paper for this agenda item and the report from the TPG’s meeting.²
- [12] The SC chairperson thanked the steward and invited the SC to comment.
- [13] **Improvements to ways of working.** The SSU lead thanked the TPG for their excellent work and asked whether they were content with their current mode of operation (the frequency of meetings and other organizational and logistical aspects) or whether they had any recommendations for improvements. One of the TPG members present commented that the current approach worked well, although the virtual modality was challenging given the nature of the TPG’s work.
- [14] **Increase in number of Spanish-language members.** The SC acknowledged the increase in workload of the TPG member for the Spanish language and agreed that this merited an additional TPG member as recommended by the TPG. The secretariat confirmed that the addition of a second TPG member for the Spanish language would not necessitate a change to Specification TP 5 itself.
- [15] **TPG member for the Chinese language.** The secretariat clarified that two candidates had been nominated and an e-forum had been held for SC members to express their preferences. The result of this e-forum had not been sufficiently conclusive and hence, following the usual practice when consensus has not been reached, the secretariat had brought the matter back to the SC for consideration. At its meeting in May, the SC had requested that the secretariat open a poll to confirm the selection of the candidate preferred by a slightly higher number of SC members in the e-forum.³ This had taken place but consensus had still not been achieved.
- [16] The SC discussed possible ways forward, given the impasse thus far, and eventually agreed to select the nominee who had received the most support during the e-forum and the Poll.
- [17] One SC member suggested that, to help avoid such an impasse arising again, the SC could perhaps review its procedures for e-decisions at its meeting in November. Another SC member also suggested that the SC consider reducing the number of e-decisions, once the SC returns to face-to-face meetings, as decisions such as expert selection had previously been taken during meetings rather than via e-decision.
- [18] **Revisions to sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the *IPPC style guide*.** There were no comments.

² TPG 2021-12, agenda items 7.1 and 9, Appendix 5 and Appendix 7; TPG meeting reports: www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-glossary-phytosanitary-terms-isp-5

³ SC 2022-05, agenda item 7.2.

Explanatory document on ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms

- [19] One TPG member introduced the *Explanatory document on ISPM 5* (otherwise known as the “Annotated Glossary”), which had been reviewed by the TPG and was being presented to the SC for approval at this meeting.⁴ The secretariat explained that the Annotated Glossary is reviewed annually and published every three years, with publication being scheduled for 2022. If approved by the SC, the next version would be published in 2025.
- [20] One SC member commented that the third sentence of Note 8 on Surveillance, concerning monitoring, could potentially be confusing, especially given the current definitions for “delimiting survey”, “detection survey” and “monitoring survey” and the definitions for “surveillance”, “general surveillance” and “specific surveillance” currently under development. The member therefore suggested that this sentence be deleted. The SC agreed and noted that Note 8 would need to be reviewed once the definitions of “surveillance” (revision), “general surveillance” (addition) and “specific surveillance” (addition) have been adopted by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM).
- [21] The SC:
- (1) *acknowledged* the ten years of contribution by Hong NING (China), who left the TPG in 2021;
 - (2) *renewed* the membership of Asenath Abigael KOECH (Kenya) as a TPG member for the English language, beginning in 2022;
 - (3) *agreed* that the number of TPG members for the Spanish language be increased by one, because of the increased workload, *invited* the CPM Bureau to note this decision, and *requested* that the secretariat then open a call for the new member;
 - (4) *selected* Xuemei JI (Australia) as a TPG member for the Chinese language;
 - (5) *agreed* to review the procedure for e-decisions at the SC meeting in November 2022 and *selected* Steve CÔTÉ (Canada) to prepare a paper on this with the secretariat;
 - (6) *noted* the revised sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the *IPPC style guide* (2019) (Appendix 7 of the TPG December 2021 virtual meeting report);
 - (7) *approved* the 2022 version of the *Explanatory document on ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms*, otherwise known as the Annotated Glossary, as amended at this meeting;
 - (8) *noted* the proposed amendments to ISPMs to be archived by the secretariat for future revisions as presented in Appendix 4 ; and
 - (9) *noted* the TPG workplan 2022–2023 and the work performed by the TPG over the last year.

4.2 Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments

- [22] The steward, David OPATOWSKI (Israel), presented an update on membership of the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT), an overview of TPPT activities carried out in the period June 2021 to June 2022, and the TPPT’s workplan for 2022–2023.⁵ The following activities and issues were highlighted.
- [23] One TPPT member had resigned from the panel and three new members had been selected by the SC.⁶ The SC was invited to approve the continued participation of Guy HALLMAN as an invited expert in the TPPT meetings.
- [24] The TPPT had met in virtual mode in July 2021, October 2021, December 2021 and May 2022.⁷ They had addressed comments on five draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs) from second consultation, which had subsequently been adopted by CPM-16 (2022), and had addressed comments on one of the PTs that

⁴ 05_SC_Tel_2022_Jul.

⁵ 10_SC_Tel_2022_Jul.

⁶ SC 2022-05, Appendix 7 (2022_eSC_May_07).

⁷ TPPT meeting reports: www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-phytosanitary-treatments

had completed first consultation in 2021, recommending it to the SC for second consultation. The TPPT had also reviewed four new submissions and had recommended that all of them be added to the work programme.

- [25] Additionally, the TPPT had provided support for the IPPC search tool for phytosanitary treatments and had provided input to the revision of the annotated template for draft PTs. They had also proposed a way to streamline the PT development process, by allowing PTs to be approved by the SC for adoption after one consultation in the absence of any substantive or major technical comments, and CPM-16 (2022) had subsequently adopted this change to the Standard Setting Procedure.
- [26] Liaison between the IPPC Secretariat and both the Ozone Secretariat and the Phytosanitary Measures Research Group had continued, including coordination regarding the input from the Phytosanitary Measures Research Group on several submissions that were lacking in detailed data. The Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee of the Ozone Secretariat had again extended an invitation to the TPPT to nominate an expert to sit on the committee,⁸ and the TPPT steward expressed a hope that the TPPT would be able to do this.
- [27] The TPPT had compiled its tentative work plan for 2022–2023 and is hoping to meet face-to-face later in 2022.
- [28] The SC chairperson thanked the steward and asked whether holding meetings in virtual mode had helped or hindered the work of the panel. The steward confirmed that some of the panel's work can be done virtually, but that virtual meetings cannot replace meeting in person and there was now a need to meet face-to-face again.
- [29] The SC chairperson invited the SC to comment. One SC member commented that one of the TPPT reports that the SC was being asked to note had not been posted to the IPP until the first day of this meeting. The member requested that, when there is a recommendation for the SC to note a report, the report is posted to the IPP in good time for the SC meeting. The secretariat noted this for future meetings.
- [30] There being no further comments, the SSU lead thanked the TPPT for their excellent work and invited them to review how they work and recommend any improvements. The steward confirmed that the panel was continually looking at how to improve.
- [31] The SC:
- (10) *agreed* to invite Guy HALLMAN to the TPPT meetings as an invited expert;
 - (11) *noted* the reports of the TPPT meetings in July 2021, October 2021, December 2021 and May 2022 (all virtual meetings);
 - (12) *noted* the work accomplished by the TPPT from June 2021 to June 2022 presented to this SC meeting; and
 - (13) *noted* the TPPT tentative work plan for June 2022 to May 2023.

4.3 Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols

- [32] The steward, Álvaro SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE (Chile), presented an update on membership of the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP), an overview of TPDP activities carried out in the period June 2021 to July 2022, and the TPDP's workplan for 2022–2023.⁹ The following activities and issues were highlighted.

The TPDP had identified the need for a virologist to support the work of the panel, following the departure of one of the two TPDP members with expertise in virology, and had asked for the term of

⁸ CPM 2022/INF/13.

⁹ 06_SC_Tel_2022_Jul.

Norman BARR (United States of America), a TPDP member with expertise in entomology, to be extended.

- [33] There are currently 27 subjects on the TPDP's work programme, at various stages of development. The secretariat had opened a call for authors for 12 of these, but the nominations received in response to the call were not sufficient for all the diagnostic protocols (DPs), which may delay the development of some of them. Of the draft DPs already under development, one had been submitted to expert consultation, one had been submitted for the July 2021 consultation, two had been submitted to the SC for approval for the July 2022 consultation period, and two had been adopted as annexes to ISPM 27 (*Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests*).
- [34] In other work, the TPDP are contributing towards a scientific session on pest diagnostics for food security at the first International Plant Health Conference. A webinar on the importance of pest diagnostics, which had been planned for June 2022, had been postponed to a future date, because of the scientific session being organized for the conference.
- [35] The TPDP had compiled its tentative work plan for July 2022 to May 2023, which included recommending to the SC that one subject, Begomoviruses transmitted by *Bemisia tabaci* (2006-003), be removed from the work programme and others to have their scope adjusted.
- [36] The reports of the TPDP meetings are available on the IPP.¹⁰
- [37] The SC chairperson thanked the steward and invited the SC to comment.
- [38] **Erratum.** The secretariat notified the SC of an error in the paper for this agenda item: the membership of Robert TAYLOR (New Zealand) had been renewed by the SC in 2021 and his term will end in 2026, not May 2021 as stated in the paper.
- [39] **Workload.** The secretariat drew the attention of the SC to the number of draft DPs that would be submitted to the SC for consideration in the coming year, as this would be substantially more than in recent years. Noting that the workplan has nine draft DPs potentially being submitted for first consultation in 2023, the SC chairperson asked whether this was likely to reduce the quantity or quality of comments received. The secretariat replied that it was unlikely that all nine would be ready for first consultation in 2023, but that one way to manage the consultation workload would be to hold a separate consultation for draft DPs in January, in addition to the main consultation period in July (there being precedence for this approach).
- [40] **Call for a virologist.** Noting that the TPDP member who had left the panel had been a backup for bacteriology as well as being an expert on virology, the SC considered whether there was a need for an additional bacteriology expert as well as one on virology. The secretariat commented that there was a degree of uncertainty about the amount of work related to bacteriological DPs in the next few years, as this would depend on what new topics were added to the programme from the call for topics in 2023. However, in the meantime, the TPDP member currently providing bacteriological expertise had confirmed that the workload for the current three bacteriology subjects was acceptable, and the TPDP was hoping that the nominees for the virology role on the panel would also have some expertise in bacteriology and so could act as a bacteriology backup. The secretariat clarified that the specification for the panel may need to be revised before a call could be made for another member for bacteriology, as the maximum number of panel members may be exceeded. The SC considered the options and agreed to follow the TPDP's recommendation of just opening a call for a virologist at the moment; once the new member is selected, the TPDP would then be able to review the collective expertise on the panel and bring a recommendation to a future SC meeting if they wished to add another member for bacteriology.

¹⁰ TPDP meeting reports: www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-diagnostic-protocols

There being no further comments, the SC chairperson and SSU lead both thanked the TPDP for their excellent work.

[41] The SC:

- (14) *noted* the TPDP update and the work accomplished from May 2021 to July 2022;
- (15) *agreed* that a call for a virologist be made and asked the IPPC Secretariat to open the call soon;
- (16) *renewed* the membership of Norman BARR (United States of America; expert in entomology) for another five-year term;
- (17) *noted* that the tentative dates for the face-to-face meeting of the TPDP are 31 October to 4 November 2022 at the headquarters of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO), Paris;
- (18) *noted* that the TPDP is contributing to a scientific session on pest diagnostics and food security at the International Plant Health Conference, which is being organized by the IPPC Secretariat and the EPPO Secretariat; and
- (19) *noted* the TPDP tentative work plan for July 2022 to May 2023.

4.4 Technical Panel on Commodity Standards

[42] The secretariat, on behalf of the steward, Samuel BISHOP (United Kingdom), presented an update on membership of the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS), an overview of TPCS activities carried out in the period June 2021 to July 2022, and the TPCS's workplan for 2022–2023.¹¹ The following activities and issues were highlighted.

Ten members had been selected to form this new technical panel, along with the steward and assistant steward. The TPCS had held its inaugural virtual meeting in May and a face-to-face meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2023. The secretariat thanked Japan for offering to host the face-to-face meeting. The main focus of the meeting would be to progress development of the only topic on the panel's work programme – the draft annex *International movement of mango (Mangifera indica) fruit* to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*) (2021-011) – assuming the SC approved the specification for this topic at its meeting in November 2022. A call for relevant papers and information materials had been opened by the secretariat on 1 July, alongside the consultation on the draft specification. In the meantime, the TPCS would be considering their working procedures.

[43] The secretariat reminded about Call for Topics planned for 2023 and that may increase the work program of the TPCS.

[44] In other work related to commodity standards, the secretariat had organized a webinar on commodity standards in February 2022 and had prepared a short presentation for the forthcoming 2022 IPPC regional workshops.

[45] The SC chairperson thanked the secretariat and invited the SC to comment.

[46] **Criteria for evaluating effectiveness of measures.** One SC member recalled that, at CPM-16 (2022), one contracting party had raised a concern about how the criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of measures would be shared with the CPM for its review and approval, and the CPM had requested that the SC consider the possible changes to ISPM 46 proposed during the CPM session and advise CPM-17 (2023) accordingly.¹² The SC member asked when the discussion on this matter would occur. The secretariat confirmed that the TPCS had considered this only very briefly at their first meeting, but that it needed deeper discussion and that the TPCS would be in a better position to discuss it once they have started to develop the draft annex on mango using the criteria that already exist in ISPM 46. It was therefore likely that it would not be discussed by the TPCS until the January 2023 face-to-face meeting, rather than at the one or two virtual meetings planned for before then. The secretariat pointed out that

¹¹ 09_SC_Tel_2022_Jul.

¹² CPM-16 (2022), agenda item 9.2.

this meant that the draft annex on mango and the proposed criteria would both be submitted for SC consideration at the same time, but that it would be 2024 rather than 2023 before a proposal could be put to the CPM for consideration. The SC chairperson expressed her hope that this timeline would at least allow the SC to discuss the matter in person. The SSU lead highlighted the importance of commodity standards and the consequent need to be careful to ensure the quality of work and that SC involvement is maintained. He also thanked the TPCS for their excellent start.

[47] The SC:

- (20) *noted* the TPCS update and the work accomplished from May 2021 to July 2022;
- (21) *thanked* the outgoing steward of the TPCS, Ezequiel FERRO (Argentina);
- (22) *noted* that a call for papers and information material, including pest risk analysis information, on mango fruits will happen simultaneously with the consultation period starting on 1 July;
- (23) *noted* that the tentative dates for the TPCS face-to-face meeting are 16–20 January 2023 in Japan;
- (24) *noted* the TPCS tentative work plan for July 2022 to May 2023; and
- (25) *noted* the general timeline for the topic Annex *International movement of mango (Mangifera indica) fruit* to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*) (2021-011).

5. Other matters for the Standards Committee

5.1 Confirmation of the SC members for the 2022 IPPC regional workshops

[48] The SC was invited to confirm the SC members who would represent the SC at the IPPC regional workshops in 2022.¹³ The secretariat confirmed that all the workshops would be held in hybrid mode (i.e. with the option of participants attending either in person or virtually), except for the workshop for the Caribbean, which would be held solely in virtual mode.

[49] The SC agreed the following representation:

- Regional workshop for Africa: David KAMANGIRA (Malawi) (lead), Alphonsine LOUHOARI TOKOZABA (Republic of Congo);
- Regional workshop for Asia: Masahiro SAI (Japan) (lead), Gerald Glenn PANGANIBAN (Philippines), Sophie PETERSON (Australia), Joanne WILSON (New Zealand);
- Regional workshop for the Caribbean: Hernando Morera GONZÁLEZ (Costa Rica);
- Regional workshop for Europe and Central Asia: Mariangela CIAMPITTI (Italy);
- Regional workshop for Latin America: Álvaro SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE (Chile) (lead), André Felipe C.P. da SILVA (Brazil), Hernando Morera GONZÁLEZ (Costa Rica), Matías GONZÁLEZ BÚTTERA (Argentina);
- Regional workshop for the Near East and North Africa: Nader ELBADRY (Egypt);
- Regional workshop for the South West Pacific: Sophie PETERSON (Australia) (lead), Joanne WILSON (New Zealand).

[50] The secretariat confirmed that the presentations for the regional workshops were available on the IPP.¹⁴

[51] The SC:

- (26) *confirmed* the selection of SC members to represent the SC at the 2022 IPPC regional workshops as discussed in this meeting.

¹³ 07_SC_Tel_2022_Jul.

¹⁴ Presentations for the 2022 IPPC regional workshops: www.ippc.int/zh/core-activities/capacity-development/regional-ippc-workshops/2022-ippc-regional-workshop

5.2 Update on the *Framework for standards and implementation*

- [52] The SC champion for the *Framework for standards and implementation*, Nader ALBADRY (Egypt), presented an update on this framework, which is a compilation of existing adopted standards, IPPC guides and training materials, and Implementation Review and Support System surveys and studies, categorized according to the key result areas of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030.¹⁵ The framework is intended to help identify areas where standards and implementation resources still need to be developed and to guide national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) when submitting topic proposals.
- [53] Following the suggestion by the 2021 Strategic Planning Group that the framework be simplified to make it less onerous to maintain, the secretariat had started to develop the framework into an online database on the IPP. CPM-16 (2022) had agreed to the online database development and requested that the secretariat update it as needed. The database was now available on the IPP and the SC was invited to review it.¹⁶
- [54] Noting the change of name of the Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) to the “IPPC Observatory”, agreed by CPM-16 (2022), it had also been recommended that all relevant titles of publications originally published as IRSS be retained, but that future publications should use “IPPC Observatory” rather than “IRSS”.
- [55] The SC chairperson thanked the SC champion and invited the SC to comment. There were no comments.
- [56] The SC chairperson encouraged SC members to review the online database if they had not yet had the opportunity to do so.
- [57] The SC:
- (27) *noted* the update on the *Framework for standards and implementation*; and
 - (28) *welcomed* the transformation of the *Framework for standards and implementation* into an online database.

6. Any other business

6.1 Potential agenda items for the SC November 2022 meeting

- [58] As agreed when adopting the agenda for the meeting, the SC also considered under this agenda item the format of the SC meeting to be held in November and whether there was a need for a virtual focused meeting in September.

Modality of November meeting

- [59] The secretariat confirmed that they were planning a hybrid meeting, with participants attending in person in Rome or joining virtually, subject to official approval from FAO. Once granted approval from FAO, the secretariat would send out the formal invitation letter.
- [60] The SC welcomed the chance to meet again in person and acknowledged that a hybrid option would potentially allow all SC members to participate, as ongoing COVID-19 travel restrictions may mean that not all countries may allow travel. They noted, however, that a hybrid option is not without its own problems: it may not be feasible for some members to fully participate if the virtual sessions are through the night; offering a hybrid option may make it more difficult for some members to obtain funding to travel, hence potentially reducing the number of members attending in person; and members participating virtually would not be able to take part in inter-sessional work, meaning either that such activity could not take place or that it would not be fully inclusive. The secretariat also informed the SC

¹⁵ 08_SC_Tel_2022_Jul.

¹⁶ Framework for Standards and Implementation: www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/framework/list

that the time available per day for a hybrid option would be less than for a normal, face-to-face meeting, as FAO interpretation teams were only available in virtual mode for a maximum of one three-hour session or two 2.5-hour sessions per day (the latter separated by a break of 90 minutes).

[61] Some SC members suggested that one way to progress the issue could be to first conduct a poll of SC members to better understand their ability to travel to a face-to-face meeting. One SC member suggested that perhaps a face-to-face meeting could be organized and then offered in hybrid mode only if some SC members were not able to travel. The secretariat confirmed, however, that under FAO rules, the option of virtual mode would need to be offered to accommodate any SC members not able to travel, as the SC is a subsidiary body of the CPM and hence it is important that all SC members are able to participate. The secretariat expected to receive official approval for the meeting arrangements from FAO shortly after this meeting.

[62] Considering the various issues raised, the SC acknowledged the need to offer a hybrid option under FAO rules, but agreed a preference for a face-to-face meeting, rather than a hybrid meeting, if this were possible and that the wording of the invitation letter should encourage participation in person.

Provisional agenda items for SC November meeting

[63] The SC chairperson presented a list of possible agenda items, prepared by the secretariat. The SC amended it, resulting in the following list:

- draft ISPMs for recommendation to CPM-17 (2023) for adoption (from second consultation):
 - draft 2021 amendments to ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) (1994-001), priority 1,
 - draft annex *Use of specific import authorizations* (2008-006) to ISPM 20 (*Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*), priority 4,
 - draft revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*) (2009-002), priority 4,
 - draft revision of ISPM 18 (*Requirements for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure*) (2014-007), priority 1;
- draft specifications from first consultation for revision and approval by the SC:
 - draft specification on Annex *International movement of mango (Mangifera indica) fruit* to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*) (2021-011), priority 1,
 - draft specification on Annex *Field inspection (including growing season inspection)* to ISPM 23 (*Guidelines for inspection*) (2021-018), priority 2,
 - draft specification on Revision of ISPM 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) (2021-010), priority 2;
- draft annex *Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds* to ISPM 38 (*International movement of seeds*) (2018-009), priority 1;
- review of the *List of topics for IPPC standards*;
- confirmation of the Task Force on Topics membership;
- summary of polls and fora discussed by the SC on the e-decision site (from May to November 2022);
- review of procedure for e-decisions, including criteria for when they are used;
- clarification of the procedure for consultations on draft ISPMs and draft specifications from relevant international organizations;
- any recommendations from technical panels on improvements to ways of working;
- update from the Standard Setting Unit; and
- recommendations to CPM-17 (2023).

- [64] **Draft annex to ISPM 38.** This item was added to give the SC the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft revised by the small group of SC members selected by the SC at its meeting in May 2022,¹⁷ so that the group could better prepare the draft for consideration by the SC at its meeting in May 2023 for approval for first consultation.
- [65] **Review of procedure for e-decisions.** This item was added following agenda item 4.1 of this meeting.
- [66] **Clarification of the procedure for consultations on draft ISPMs and draft specifications.** This item was added later in the meeting, following agenda item 6.2.
- [67] **Recommendations from technical panels on improvements to ways of working.** This item was added following the invitation from the SSU lead at this meeting for technical panels to make recommendations on improvements. The SC agreed that it was not intended to be a standing agenda item and the secretariat clarified that an agenda item for technical panel urgent issues was included on the agenda of SC November meetings as and when needed.

September SC meeting

- [68] The SC agreed that, given the provisional agenda for the November meeting and as no items needed to be discussed before the Strategic Planning Group meeting in October, there was no need for a virtual focused meeting in September.
- [69] The SC:
- (29) *expressed* a preference for the SC November 2022 meeting to be held in person and *requested* that the letter of invitation encourage participation in person;
 - (30) *approved* the provisional agenda items for the SC November 2022 meeting; and
 - (31) *agreed* to cancel the virtual SC meeting tentatively scheduled for 28–29 September 2022.

6.2 Participation of the International Seed Federation in the IPPC Online Comment Systems during 2022 consultations for draft ISPMs

- [70] The secretariat informed the SC that a letter from the International Seed Federation (ISF) had been received, requesting that they be allowed to comment through the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS) on three of the draft ISPMs submitted for second consultation in July 2022: the draft 2021 amendments to ISPM 5, the draft annex to ISPM 20 and the draft revision of ISPM 4.
- [71] The SC chairperson thanked the secretariat and invited the SC to comment.
- [72] The SC noted that the ISF had previously been allowed to comment on ISPM 38 and on Specification 70 (*Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds*), but that the request this year concerned draft ISPMs that were not as directly related to seeds.
- [73] The secretariat drew the attention of the SC to the procedure for consultations on draft ISPMs described in the *IPPC procedure manual for standard setting*. This stipulates that “the IPPC Secretariat solicits comments through the OCS from CPs [contracting parties], RPPOs, relevant international organizations, national plant protection services of non-CPs, and other entities as decided by the SC” and that “the IPPC contact point or information point submits comments to the IPPC Secretariat using the OCS.”
- [74] The SC noted that there was some ambiguity in the wording of the procedure: the lack of a comma after “entities” meant that it was not clear whether “as decided by the SC” related solely to “other entities” or to all the bodies listed in the sentence; and the wording implied that it was only the IPPC contact point or information point who submitted comments, but it was not absolutely explicit about this. One SC member suggested that a legal interpretation could be sought from the FAO Legal Office. The secretariat

¹⁷ SC 2022-05, agenda item 4.1.

confirmed, however, that that contracting parties (through their NPPOs) and RPPOs had automatic access to the OCS, but access was only granted to other bodies upon request.

- [75] In considering the request from the ISF, the SC recognized the need to treat all observers the same and the need to keep the number of comments submitted within manageable limits, as stewards may already have to address over a thousand comments on a draft standard. As many draft ISPMs have wide relevance and so may be of interest to many industry bodies, some SC members expressed caution about granting access to OCS too freely and suggested that access be granted only when the draft ISPM in question was closely related to the particular industry making the request. One SC member commented that the crux of the issue was what counted as *a relevant* international organization and suggested that the ISF would be a relevant organization for standards on seeds but not for the draft ISPMs cited in the current request from ISF. Some members suggested that, where industry bodies were not granted access to OCS, they are encouraged to provide comments through their NPPOs.
- [76] The secretariat recalled that the CPM Bureau had allowed three industry bodies to comment on a draft CPM recommendation in 2021, but that only one OCS account had been created and the three bodies had coordinated their input to enter it through this one account. The secretariat suggested that the SC could seek advice from the bureau about how to respond to industry requests, given that this sort of request may become more frequent now that commodity standards are being developed, but in the meantime the SC needed to reach a decision on the request from ISF.
- [77] After careful consideration, the SC agreed that the current request from ISF should be declined, as the draft ISPMs concerned were not of sufficient direct relevance to the ISF.

Given the ambiguity in the wording of the procedure and the problems with granting wide access to OCS, the SC also agreed to consider the procedure for consultations at its meeting in November 2022 in order to clarify the procedure, including what constitutes a “relevant international organization”.

[78] The SC:

- (32) *agreed* that the request from the International Seed Federation to participate in the Online Comment System during the 2022 consultation on draft ISPMs should be declined and *requested* that the secretariat reply to the request to this effect;
- (33) *invited* the CPM Bureau to note the decision made by the SC in response to the request from the International Seed Federation, and to note that the frequency of such requests from trade bodies is likely to increase as commodity standards are developed;
- (34) *agreed* to consider the procedure for consultations on draft ISPMs and draft specifications at its meeting in November 2022, to reach greater clarity on the participation of entities other than NPPOs and RPPOs, and *selected* Harry ARIJS as lead (Belgium), Steve CÔTÉ (Canada), Matías GONZÁLEZ BÚTTERA (Argentina) and David OPATOWSKI (Israel) to prepare a paper for this.

6.3 Selection of an SC member for the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers

- [79] Further to the decision of CPM-16 (2022) to establish a Focus Group on Sea Containers,¹⁸ the SC was invited to select a representative from the SC to be a member of this focus group. The secretariat explained that the focus group would be considering the way forward for work on sea containers, including whether to proceed with a draft ISPM or not, and so it was important to have SC input into this process. The secretariat added that participation could potentially involve travel to two face-to-face meetings planned for October, but that SC members unable to travel should not be excluded from being the SC representative, as the focus group was likely to last until 2024.

[80] The SC:

¹⁸ CPM-16 (2022), agenda item 11.3.

- (35) *selected* Hernando Morera GONZÁLEZ (Costa Rica) as the SC representative on the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers.

7. Dates and types of next SC meetings

[81] The secretariat drew the attention of SC members to the calendar of meetings on the IPP.¹⁹

8. Recommendations to CPM Bureau, Strategic Planning Group or CPM-17 (2023) (if any)

[82] The SC noted that the following issues will be forwarded to the CPM Bureau for noting:

- the addition of a second TPG member for the Spanish language (see section 4.1 of this report); and
- the request from the International Seed Federation to participate in the Online Comment System during the 2022 consultation on draft ISPMs, and the SC response to this (see section 6.2 of this report).

9. Close of the meeting

[83] The SC chairperson thanked all participants for their contributions and support, and closed the meeting.

¹⁹ Calendar on the IPP: www.ippc.int/en/year/calendar

Appendix 1: Agenda

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1.	Opening of the Meeting		
1.1.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By the IPPC Secretariat - By the SC Chairperson 	–	NERSISYAN (SSU Team Leader) PETERSON (SC Chairperson)
2.	Meeting Arrangements		
2.1.	Election of the Rapporteur	–	SC Chairperson
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3.	Administrative Matters		
3.1.	Documents list	02_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	MUSHEGIAN
3.2.	Participants list	03_SC_Tel_2022_Jul SC membership list	MUSHEGIAN
4.	Technical panels updates and review of work plans		
4.1.	Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)	04_SC_Tel_2022_Jul Nominations for the Chinese language for the TPG	SEPULVEDA / SHAMILOV
	Review of Explanatory document on ISPM 5 (<i>Glossary of phytosanitary terms</i>) – Annotated Glossary: 2022 intermediate version	05_SC_Tel_2022_Jul Annotated Glossary: 2019 version	
4.2.	Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)	10_SC_Tel_2022_Jul_Rev1	OPATOWSKI / KISS
4.3.	Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)	06_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	SEPULVEDA / MOREIRA
4.4.	Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS)	09_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	BISHOP / MOREIRA
5.	Other matters for the SC		
5.1.	Confirmation of the SC members for the 2022 RWs	07_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	MUSHEGIAN
5.2.	Update on the Framework for Standards and Implementation	08_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	ELBADRY / SHAMILOV
6.	Any other business		
6.1.	Potential agenda items for inclusion on the SC November 2022 meeting provisional agenda		SC Chairperson / SSU Team Leader
6.2.	Participation of the International Seed Federation (ISF) in the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS) during 2022 consultations for draft ISPMs		NERSISYAN / MUSHEGIAN
6.3.	Selection of the SC member for the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers		SHAMILOV
7.	Next meetings dates and types	Link to the IPP calendar	MUSHEGIAN
8.	Recommendations to CPM Bureau, SPG, or CPM-17 (if any)		SC Chairperson
9.	Close of the meeting		SC Chairperson

Appendix 2: Documents list

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Meeting documents			
01_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	2.2	Provisional agenda	2022-05-26 2022-06-28
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03_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	3.2	Participants list	2022-07-05
04_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	4.1	Update on the Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG) activities	2022-07-05
05_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	4.1	Review of Explanatory document on ISPM 5 (<i>Glossary of phytosanitary terms</i>) – Annotated Glossary: 2022 intermediate version	2022-07-05
	4.1	Nominations for the Chinese language for the TPG	2022-06-30
06_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	4.3	Update on the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP) activities	2022-07-05
07_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	5.1	Confirmation of the SC members for the 2022 RWs	2022-07-05
08_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	5.2	Update on the Framework for Standards and Implementation	2022-07-05
09_SC_Tel_2022_Jul	4.4	Update on the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) activities	2022-07-05
10_SC_Tel_2022_Jul_Rev1	4.2	Update on the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Measures (TPPT) activities	2022-07-05 2022-07-06

Documents links (presented in the order of the agenda items)

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SC membership list	3.2	SC membership list
Nominations the Chinese language for the TPG	4.1	Nominations the Chinese language for the TPG
Annotated Glossary: 2019 version	4.1	Annotated Glossary: 2019 version
Next meetings dates and types	7	Link to the IPP calendar

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Appendix 4: Proposed amendments to ISPMs to be archived by the secretariat for future revisions

ISPM 9: Guidelines for pest eradication programmes		
Section	Proposed change	Rationale
2.1 Initiation	The eradication programme may be initiated by detection of a pest new to an area arising from general surveillance or specific surveys <u>surveillance</u> (see ISPM 6 (Guidelines for surveillance)).	For consistency with the revised ISPM 6 (<i>Surveillance</i>).
ISPM 11: Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests		
Section	Proposed change	Rationale
Annex 4 Presence or absence in the PRA area (refer to section 2.1.1.2)	Determination of presence or absence in the PRA area is a particular challenge for NPPOs when plants are proposed for import because the plants may already be growing in locations (e.g. botanical gardens, home gardens) that may not be reported. Sources of information may include horticultural, agricultural, forestry and aquaculture publications and databases. The NPPO may need to carry out particular surveys to obtain information on presence and distribution.	For consistency with the revised ISPM 6 (<i>Surveillance</i>).
ISPM 17: Pest reporting		
Section	Proposed change	Rationale
3.1 Surveillance	Pest reporting depends on the establishment, within countries, of national systems for surveillance, as required by the Article IV.2(b) of the IPPC. Information for pest reporting may be derived from either of the two types of pest surveillance systems defined in ISPM 6 (Guidelines for <i>Surveillance</i>), general surveillance or specific surveys <u>surveillance</u> . Systems should be put in place to ensure that such information is sent to and collected by the NPPO. The surveillance and collection systems should operate on an ongoing and timely basis. Surveillance should be conducted in accordance with ISPM 6.	For consistency with the revised ISPM 6 (<i>Surveillance</i>).
ISPM 26: Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)		
Section	Proposed change	Rationale
2.3.3 Corrective actions (including response to an outbreak) These plans should include components or systems to cover: _ - outbreak declaration, according to criteria in ISPM8, and notification - delimiting surveillance <u>survey</u> (trapping and fruit sampling) to determine the infested area under corrective actions - the implementation of control measures - further surveillance - criteria for the reinstatement of freedom of the area affected by the outbreak - responses to interceptions.	For consistency with ISPM 5 (<i>Glossary of phytosanitary terms</i>), “delimiting survey” being a glossary term.
ISPM 38: International movement of seeds		
Section	Proposed change	Rationale
1.3.2 Seeds for planting under restricted conditions	Such seeds are imported for research and are grown in protected environments (e.g. glasshouses, growth chambers) or in isolated fields. These seeds should be planted under conditions that prevent the introduction of quarantine pests into the PRA area. Examples include seeds for	“Seeds as breeding material” is covered by “seeds as germplasm” that excludes germplasm in forms other than seeds.

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Amendments in ISPMs to avoid the use of ‘phytosanitary risk’ and ‘pest hazard’:

- [1] In the context of 2004-2006 discussions on the revision of ISPM 2, the SC concluded that the Glossary term ‘pest risk’ should be used exclusively instead of terms such as ‘hazard’, ‘pest hazard’, ‘phytosanitary risk’ etc. that should therefore be avoided in ISPMs. ISPM 11 and ISPM 17 had been adopted prior to prior to that decision and the adoption of the revised ISPM 2 in 2007. “Phytopsanitary status” appears in ISPM 33 despite that former SC decision.

ISPM #	Sect	Current text	Proposed amendment
11	1.1 §1	The PRA process may be initiated as a result of: - the identification of a pathway that presents a potential pest hazard	The PRA process may be initiated as a result of: - the identification of a pathway that presents a potential pest risk
	numerous	... phytosanitary risk pest risk ...
17	5.2	... phytosanitary risk pest risk ...
33	3.1.2 and 3.2 (similar wording)	- provision for the use of dedicated protective clothing (including dedicated footwear or disinfection of footwear) and hand washing on entry (with particular care being taken if staff members work in areas of higher phytosanitary risk , e.g. the testing facility)	- provision for the use of dedicated protective clothing (including dedicated footwear or disinfection of footwear) and hand washing on entry (with particular care being taken if staff members work in locations of higher phytosanitary concern , e.g. the testing facility)
33	4.1	- the phytosanitary risks to minitubers have been assessed and, if identified, the other plant species have been tested and found to be pest free before entering the facility	- the pest risks to minitubers have been assessed and, if identified, the other plant species have been tested and found to be pest free before entering the facility