

**ITEM 12.2: Update on Development Agenda item Harmonization of electronic data exchange:
CPM focus group on sustainable funding of the IPPC ePhyto solution****REVISED EU written statement:**

Mr Chairman,

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Focus Group for their excellent work. We find the document highly useful for our discussions over the future sustainable funding of the IPPC ePhyto Solution.

With regard to the respective recommendations listed in para [75] of the document CPM 2023/14, I would like to inform you as follows:

1. We strongly support the recommendation No.7, to continue exploring the viability of funding the ePhyto solution from the FAO Regular Programme.

2. To strengthen this recommendation, we suggest adding an additional one, or modifying the existing No,7, as follows:

“Request the Director General of the FAO to explore the possibility of full or partial funding of the ePhyto Solution costs from the FAO regular programme.”

3. With regard to recommendation No.8 (the scope of costs), the EU suggests to follow option (a), i.e. *“Scope 1: All costs”*.

4. Regarding the recommendation No.9 (the allocation method), we would prefer option (a), on condition that it is more refined to make it more equitable by reflecting within the allocation segments according to the World Bank wealth status as included in option (a), other relevant elements - for instance, the size of the economy expressed as a total GDP.

5. Concerning the recommendation No.10, we suggest a payment mechanism, whereby the FAO would invoice Contracting Parties exchanging PCs through Hub.

6. In principle, we support recommendations No. 1 – 6, but would like to see a final version of the proposed system, including the detailed overview of the expected financial contributions from individual CPs exchanging ePhytos through the Hub, before giving our final consent to the future funding mechanism.

7. And, finally, regarding the recommendation No.11, we suggest a modification as follows:

“(11) Agree that the Secretariat and Bureau will work together to develop a detailed final proposal on the system for the funding mechanism, including the detailed overview of the expected financial contributions from individual CPs exchanging ePhytos through the Hub, to be adopted in CPM-18.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.”