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Report of the Technical Consultation Among RPPOs Recognition of RPPOs

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1. The establishment of guidelines for the recognition of Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) is a function ascribed to the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) in its Terms of Reference (Appendix H of C97/REP from the 29th FAO Conference). The 11th Technical Consultation among RPPOs in September 1999 undertook to facilitate the establishment of these guidelines by formulating draft guidelines to propose to the ICPM based on the role of RPPOs outlined in Article IX of the New Revised Text of the IPPC. At its second session in 1999, the ICPM agreed that it would consider at its next session the recommendations of the RPPOs regarding guidelines for their recognition.
2. Draft guidelines formulated by the 11th Technical Consultation were reviewed and modified by the FAO Legal Office for further consideration. The RPPOs at their 12th Technical Consultation in October 2000 subsequently considered the modified draft guidelines. The 12th Technical Consultation agreed on additional changes to the draft guidelines. The revised text was subsequently reviewed and approved by FAO Legal Office in the form presented below.
3. The ICPM is invited to:
 - a) Consider the draft guidelines submitted by the 12th Technical Consultation Among RPPOs and, if found suitable, to adopt the guidelines as the basis for the recognition of RPPOs by the ICPM.
 - b) If adopted, the ICPM may *recommend* the development of procedures to describe how the guidelines are to be implemented.

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ICPM Guidelines for the Recognition of Regional Plant Protection Organizations

In order to be recognized as a Regional Plant Protection Organization (RPPO) in the sense of Article IX of the New Revised Text of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), an RPPO should:

- 1. Be established under an inter-governmental agreement with the capacity to accomplish the objectives of the International Plant Protection Convention in its region.*
- 2. Have, as a minimum, the following functions:*
 - coordinate the activities among National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) in the regions covered, in order to achieve the objectives of the Convention;*
 - harmonize phytosanitary measures;*
 - participate in activities to promote the objectives of the IPPC; and*
 - gather and disseminate information.*