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## INTERIM COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### Third Session

Rome, 2-6 April 2001

### Annotated Provisional Agenda

#### 1. Opening of the Session

Dr. Louise Fresco, FAO Assistant Director-General, Agriculture Department, will open the session.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda (ICPM 01/1)

The Chairperson will invite Members and the Secretariat to consider the provisional agenda and to agree on modifications, if any, prior to adoption. The Chairperson will note certain logistical issues associated with agenda items that overlap. Procedures for the election occurring later in the Session will also be discussed and clarified. The Chairperson may suggest that a group be established to propose nomination procedures (see ICPM 01/INF-9 for Agenda item 13).

#### 3. Report by the Chairperson

The Chairperson will summarize the activities of the Bureau and Secretariat since the Second Session of the ICPM and comment on the status of the work programme.

#### 4. Standard Setting Priorities (ICPM 01/2; ICPM 01/INF-1; ICPM 01/10)

The Secretariat has provided summary papers as background. The Chairperson has provided a note suggesting the ICPM establish a procedure for identifying topics and priorities. The ICPM will be invited to discuss and agree on topics and priorities for standards, but because working groups may be required to develop recommendations, and certain topics arise later in the agenda, the Chairman may delay finalizing this point until later in the Session.

#### 5. Adoption of International Standards (ICPM 01/3)

The Interim Standards Committee has submitted three new standards plus a supplement and amendments to the Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms. The ICPM will be asked to adopt the documents and also certain recommendations.

#### 6. Items Arising from the Second Session of the ICPM

At its last session, the ICPM agreed to undertake several activities in the 2000 work programme. Reports from these activities are provided to the ICPM for review. The ICPM will be invited to endorse the reports and adopt recommendations from the reports.

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### 6.1 Formation of a Standards Committee (ICPM 01/4)

The report and recommendations of the Informal Working Group on the formation of the Standards Committee is provided. The ICPM will be invited to adopt the recommendations of the report, including Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the Standards Committee. The Secretariat will request recommendations from the ICPM regarding the timing and procedures for implementation for any new structure agreed by the ICPM.

### 6.2 Dispute Settlement Procedures (ICPM 01/5; ICPM 01/INF-2)

The report of the Informal Working Group on Dispute Settlement Procedures is provided along with dispute settlement procedures adopted by the Second Session of the ICPM. The report describes procedures and detail to supplement the procedures already agreed and recommends the establishment of a subsidiary body. The ICPM will be invited to adopt the additional procedures and decide on the formation of a subsidiary body.

### 6.3 Information Exchange (ICPM 01/06; ICPM 01/19)

At its Second Session the ICPM made a number of recommendations to the Secretariat regarding information exchange and agreed that the Chairperson would initiate discussions on possible information exchange initiatives of the ICPM. The Secretariat has summarized the status of its actions and may also report on further developments. Summaries of meetings established by the Chairperson are also provided. The ICPM will be invited to consider the possibilities for information exchange and recommend future steps noting the implications for the work programme and strategic planning.

### 6.4 GMOs, Biosafety and Invasive Species (ICPM 01/7; ICPM 01/INF-3)

The report of the Exploratory Open-ended Working Group on Phytosanitary Aspects of GMOs, Biosafety, and Invasive Species is provided to the ICPM. An additional report from the subsequent meeting on IPPC – CBD cooperation is also included. The ICPM will be invited to endorse statements and adopt recommendations from these reports.

### 6.5 Official Control (ICPM 01/8)

The Secretariat has provided the ICPM with a summary of the activities undertaken to develop a definition of official control and guidelines for the interpretation and application of the concept in practice. The document resulting from these efforts is provided to the ICPM under Agenda item 5.

## 7. Report from the Technical Consultation Among RPPOs

Items of interest to the ICPM from the Technical Consultation Among Regional Plant Protection Organizations are reported to the ICPM.

### 7.1 Recognition of RPPOs (ICPM 01/9)

The 12<sup>th</sup> Technical Consultation among RPPOs has submitted guidelines for the recognition of RPPOs for adoption by the ICPM. The ICPM will be invited to adopt the guidelines and recommend procedures for their implementation.

## 8. Work Programme for Harmonization

The Secretariat has submitted reports and information to the ICPM regarding the status of the work programme and the Secretariat's activities. The Secretariat may report on further developments in certain areas of the work programme.

### 8.1 Standard Setting (ICPM 01/10)

The Secretariat summarized the status of the work programme regarding standard-setting. The ICPM will be invited to comment on the work programme and may find the

summary useful as a reference for discussions on standard setting priorities (Agenda item 4).

#### 8.2 Information Exchange (ICPM 01/11)

The Secretariat has summarized the status of the work programme regarding information exchange beyond those points raised previously under Agenda item 6.3. The ICPM will be invited to comment on the work programme and may find the summary useful as a reference for discussions on future information exchange initiatives in the context of strategic planning (Agenda item 9).

#### 8.3 Technical Assistance (ICPM 01/12; ICPM 01/13)

The Secretariat has summarized the status of the work programme regarding technical assistance and provided a report of the Informal Working Group on Technical Assistance. The ICPM will be invited to comment on the work programme and to adopt the recommendations of the Informal Working Group, including formal endorsement of the New Zealand Pilot Project as a continuing initiative of the ICPM to be maintained by the Secretariat.

#### [8.4] Biosecurity (ICPM 01/INF- 4)

The Secretariat will suggest the addition of this agenda item to inform the ICPM of Biosecurity initiatives under consideration by FAO. The Secretariat will provide additional background and report on further developments, in particular the outcome of discussions on the topic in the FAO Committee on Agriculture.

### 9. Strategic Planning (ICPM 01/14; ICPM 01/INF-5; ICPM 01/INF-6; ICPM 01/INF-7)

At its last session, the ICPM agreed to begin a strategic planning process. The Secretariat has provided reports from the meetings held for this purpose. A note from the Chairperson provides information and describes some options regarding resources. Information documents provided by the Secretariat describe the current resources of the Secretariat and options for the establishment of trust funds. The ICPM will be invited to adopt the mission statement and strategic directions proposed by the Working Group and to agree on a multi-year strategy for implementation of the work programme consistent with the mission and strategy direction and the available resources. The ICPM will also be asked to recommend strategies for ensuring adequate resources are available to the Secretariat and ICPM for implementation of the work programme.

### 10. Status of the IPPC (ICPM 01/15)

The Secretariat has summarized the current status of acceptance and adherence to the Convention, and the implementation of interim measures put in place by FAO Conference when the amendments to the IPPC were adopted in 1997. The Secretariat will update the ICPM on further developments and comment on progress toward the completion of a “benefit package” suggested by the ICPM at its Second Session. The ICPM will be invited to comment on the status of the IPPC and suggest plans for recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention in 2002.

### 11. Other Business

The ICPM and Secretariat may add items of other business for information or discussion.

#### 11.1 Reporting of non-compliance with phytosanitary measures (Uruguay)

The delegation of Uruguay may elaborate further on the suggestion raised at the Second Session of the ICPM to include an agenda item regarding the reporting of non-compliance with phytosanitary measures.

#### [11.2] The structure and organization of meetings (ICPM 01/17)

The Secretariat will suggest the addition of this agenda item to provide the ICPM with information regarding procedures, policies, and terminology associated with the

organization of meetings. The Secretariat will also note the availability of a summary listing all expert and other working groups in 2000 and their membership. The ICPM will be invited to comment.

12. Date and Venue of the Next Session

The ICPM will be invited to decide the date and venue its 2002 meeting. The Secretariat will provide information about the availability of dates within the FAO calendar.

13. Election of the Bureau (ICPM 01/18; ICPM 01/INF-9)

The Secretariat has provided a summary document regarding procedures. The Chairperson has provided a note suggesting that the ICPM establish nomination procedures. The ICPM will be invited to elect its Bureau and may consider nomination procedures if a proposal is forthcoming from the present Session.

14. Adoption of the Report

The Secretariat and Rapporteur will provide the ICPM with a report of the meeting for adoption.