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Acceptance of the IPPC (1997)

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- The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) approved by the Twenty-ninth FAO Conference in November 1997 was transmitted to FAO Member governments for acceptance or adherence early in 1998. Two-thirds (2/3) of Contracting Parties that were Contracting Parties at the time of the adoption of the IPPC in 1998 must accept the amendments before they come into force. Governments that are contracting parties to the Convention are asked to deposit their instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of FAO. Governments that are not party to the Convention are asked to deposit an instrument of adherence. Model documents for these instruments have been provided to governments and are also available from the Secretariat in all official languages.
- The Secretariat brings to the attention of the ICPM that there are three new contracting parties since the last meeting of the ICPM, bringing the total number of contracting parties to 120.
- The Secretariat is also pleased to report that before 7 January 2003, FAO had received and recorded instruments of acceptance of the IPPC (1997) from (43) governments as listed below:

29 July 1999 Albania Argentina 5 April 2000 Australia 13 June 2000 Azerbaijan 18 August 2000 Bangladesh 24 November 1998 Barbados 10 August 1998 Canada 22 October 2001 Costa Rica 23 August 1999 14 May 1999 Croatia

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4. The ICPM is invited to:

- 1. *Encourage* FAO Members that are not contracting parties to the IPPC (1997) to submit their instruments of adherence.
- 2. *Encourage* contracting parties that have not accepted the IPPC (1997) to submit their instrument of acceptance. Members may wish to comment on the status of the process in their countries.