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Status of the IPPC

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I. ADHERENCE OF NEW CONTRACTING PARTIES AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW REVISED TEXT

1. The New Revised Text of the 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 New Revised Text in 1998 (72 nations) 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.

2. The Secretariat is pleased to notify the ICPM that since the Second Session of the ICPM in October 1999, instruments of **adherence** have been received and recorded by FAO for Azerbaijan (18 August 2000), Lithuania (12 January 2000), Saudi Arabia (7 August 2000) and Estonia (7 December 2000). These new Contracting Parties to the IPPC bring the total number to 113. The ICPM is invited to welcome these new Contracting Parties.

3. The Secretariat is also pleased to report that up until 31 December 2000, FAO had received and recorded instruments of **acceptance** for the New Revised Text from (19) governments as listed below:

Argentina	5 April 2000
Australia	13 June 2000
Bangladesh	24 November 1998
Barbados	10 August 1998
Costa Rica	23 August 1999

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Korea, Republic of	9 November 2000
Mauritius	16 November 2000
Mexico	28 June 2000
Morocco	8 February 2000
New Zealand	22 June 1999
Norway	29 February 2000
Oman	28 January 2000
Papua New Guinea	15 January 1999
Peru	22 March 2000
Romania	21 January 1999
Slovenia	22 November 2000
Spain	5 June 2000
Sweden	7 June 1999
Tunisia	8 February 1999

4. In addition FAO was notified that the United States had accepted the amendments in October 2000 and was in the process of submitting an instrument of acceptance.

5. The Secretariat will provide the ICPM with an update on the status of adherence and acceptance.

6. The ICPM is invited to *encourage* FAO Members that are not contracting parties to the IPPC to submit their instruments of adherence. The ICPM is also invited to *encourage* contracting parties that have not accepted the New Revised Text of the IPPC to submit their instrument of acceptance. Members may wish to comment on the status of the process in their countries.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM MEASURES

7. Resolution 12/97 of the Twenty-ninth FAO Conference resulted in the approval of the New Revised Text of the IPPC and made provision for certain interim measures until the New Revised Text came into force. The establishment of the ICPM is one of these interim measures. Others include the designation of official contact points, the voluntary use of the amended phytosanitary certificate, and the development of standards for regulated non-quarantine pests.

8. The Secretariat will report on the status of work toward establishing standards for regulated non-quarantine pests. The Secretariat will also provide the ICPM with current available information regarding official contact points and information received from Members on the voluntary use of the amended phytosanitary certificate.

9. The ICPM is invited to *consider* and *comment* on interim measures. Wherever possible, delegations are requested by the Secretariat to identify or update their official contact points and indicate whether or when they are using the new phytosanitary certificate.

III. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IPPC

10. The IPPC was adopted by the Sixth Session of FAO Conference in 06 December 1951. The Convention came into force on 03 April 1952 after Chile became the third signatory to ratify the Convention following Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and Spain. The Fourth Session of the ICPM in 2002 marks the Golden Anniversary of the IPPC coming into force. The ICPM is invited to *recommend* arrangements to commemorate the occasion.