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Comments by the EU and its Member States**

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The EC and its MS note the report of the Secretariat under agenda item 14.2 in particular and suggest in regard to Section IX Montreal Protocol and suggest to insert as a new number 2 under point 41:

The CPM is invited to

2. "agree that the IPPC Secretariat is requested to continue to cooperate and coordinate with the Ozone Secretariat on issues of common concern with a view to identifying and promoting activities that would benefit and enhance the coherence of the two international agreements.

Such activities include:

- *Inviting experts from the Montreal protocol to IPPC meetings that are relevant for MB use.*
- *Exploring ways to coordinate data collection and information gathering on methyl bromide use for quarantine purposes and alternatives to this use*
- *updating the "Recommendation on the future of MB for phytosanitary purposes" as adopted by ICPM 5 (2003) in consultation with experts and submitting it to the SPTA for consideration at its next meeting aiming at possible adoption at CPM 3."*

In addition the EC and its MS suggest to insert as a new number 3 under point 41:

3. "encourage the Contracting Parties to promote best fumigation practices; recapture technology and development and use of alternatives to methyl bromide in phytosanitary measures where this is technically and economically feasible."

Furthermore the EC and its MS looks forward to the new draft ISPM on Alternatives to MB that is anticipated for Member Consultation this year.