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Process for Adopting Recommendations

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I. Background

1. At CPM-8 (2013), two proposals were made for CPM Recommendations, one on aquatic plants and one on internet trade (E-commerce) of plants. Many contracting parties welcomed these recommendations and agreed that, in principle, these were issues that should be addressed by National Plant Protection Organizations. There was a consensus that there is a need for careful consideration in taking a decision on these types of issues. In addition, it was also considered important to provide sufficient advance notice of these types of proposals in order to allow time to reflect on the proposals and consult with stakeholders before adoption.

2. Following extensive discussions at the meeting of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) in October 2013 on the topic of CPM recommendations, the SPG agreed on a proposal for a timed process for the development of CPM recommendations .

Proposed process for adopting CPM recommendations:

- 1) a contracting party or the Secretariat may propose a topic for a CPM recommendation and presents it to the CPM
 - 2) the need for a new CPM recommendation should be discussed and agreed in a CPM meeting
 - 3) a draft CPM recommendation and the rationale or justification for its need should be circulated for comments for a period of three months following the CPM meeting
 - 4) the Secretariat will revise draft CPM recommendations based on comments received, then submit the revised draft to the CPM Bureau for consideration of comments, revision if necessary and recommendation to the CPM for adoption
 - 5) the draft CPM recommendation is submitted to the CPM for adoption.
3. The CPM is invited to:
- 1) *adopt* the proposed process for adopting CPM recommendations.

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