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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 present it for consideration at a CPM meeting. An initial draft of the proposed recommendation and the rationale or justification for its need should be presented to CPM for consideration.
 - 2) The need for a new CPM recommendation should then be discussed and agreed by CPM.
 - 3) A revised draft CPM recommendation should then be prepared by the Secretariat (or where appropriate the contracting party making the proposal) and along with the rationale or justification for its need, circulated for country comments for a period of three months.
 - 4) The Secretariat will revise the draft CPM recommendation based on comments received, and then submit the revised draft to the CPM Bureau for consideration, revision if necessary and recommendation to the CPM for adoption.
 - 5) The draft CPM recommendation is submitted to the CPM for adoption.
 - 6) If the draft CPM recommendation is not adopted and needs further review, the CPM may decide to send it to an appropriate IPPC body or group for further revision. The revised CPM recommendation is then sent to the next CPM for consideration and adoption.
 - 7) Adopted CPM recommendations are numbered and formatted by the Secretariat.
3. The CPM is invited to:
- 1) *adopt* the proposed process for adopting CPM recommendations.
 - 2) *request* the strategic planning group to discuss criteria for CPM recommendations, including the criteria suggested in the interventions during CPM 9, and report its recommendations back to CPM.