PROCEDURE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF NEW RPPOS[1]

The recognition procedure for new RPPOs should be composed of four steps:

1. The prospective RPPO presents documentation authenticating an inter-governmental agreement and a written request for recognition as an RPPO under Article IX of the IPPC (1997) to the Chairperson of the ICPM.
2. The FAO Legal Counsel reviews the legal status of the submission.
3. The Technical Consultation among RPPOs assesses whether the prospective RPPO meets the ICPM Guidelines for the Recognition of RPPOs. These Guidelines, as adopted by the ICPM, have as a minimum the following functions:
   - coordinate the activities among National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) in the regions covered, in order to achieve the objectives of the IPPC (1997);
   - harmonize phytosanitary measures;
   - participate in activities to promote the objectives of the IPPC (1997); and gather and disseminate information.
4. The Technical Consultation submits a recommendation for consideration by the ICPM.

[1] Adopted by ICPM-04 (2002), see Appendix XV to report:
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