



Future status of the IPPC Financial Committee

COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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FUTURE STATUS OF THE IPPC FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM 6.2

(Prepared by the CPM Bureau)

History of the financial committee

- [1] During the seventh session, the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-7) adopted the Resource Mobilization Strategy for the IPPC which included a recommendation for the establishment of a Financial Committee (FC).
- [2] The FC was established in 2012, and its primary activities are to provide financial transparency and oversight, as specifically described in the revised terms of reference (TOR) adopted by CPM-13 (2018), agenda item 8.5.
- [3] The FC originally consisted of four independent members selected by the CPM Bureau but as of December 2023¹, the bureau agreed that it would be more efficient for the whole bureau to serve as the FC, to avoid having to repeat the same discussions. Therefore, the FC currently consists of the CPM Bureau members but with a different chairperson.

Proposal

- [4] To disestablish the FC and transfer its responsibilities to the CPM Bureau

Rational

- [5] The current rules of procedure for the CPM Bureau² has a provision for financial planning and management.
- [6] Budgetary work is of critical importance to the entire CPM and should be given high priority with all Bureau regions representatives included in discussion and involvement in decisions.
- [7] The involvement of all bureau regional representatives would improve transparency and confidence in the management of IPPC financial resources and having dedicated agenda items would demonstrate that financial decisions are receiving appropriate scrutiny.
- [8] The change would remove unnecessary administrative burden on the IPPC Secretariat and would streamline bureau decision making on financial issues. It would not remove the need for a dedicated finance officer with the IPPC Secretariat.

¹ CPM Bureau December 2023, agenda item 9

² CPM RoP, Annex I, Rule II

Recommendations

- [9] The CPM is invited to:
- (1) *Agree* to the disestablishment of the financial committee