



COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

TWENTIETH SESSION

IPPC EPHYTO SOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE (INCLUDING PROPOSED GOVERNANCE) AND IPPC EPHYTO SOLUTION CHANGE MANAGEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT PROPOSALS

AGENDA ITEMS 13.1.1, 13.1.2

(Submitted by EU)

- [1] The EU and its Member States thank the IPPC-Secretariat for the papers and thank the ePhyto Steering Group for all their work.
- [2] Looking closely at the papers, it is noticeable that the approach is still very technical, both in terms of the category classification and the criteria for selecting participants.
- [3] The proposal seems to be mainly technology-driven and it drives strategic direction and governance. The EU believes it should be the other way around.
- [4] It is important for the continuity of ePhyto that NPPOs should lead on the future strategic direction and governance plans for ePhyto which will enhance technological developments.
- [5] With this in mind we suggest changing the governance structure to include a new governance working group that drives the decision-making on the future development of ePhyto and on current governance issues.
- [6] This would require new Terms of reference to facilitate this new governance structure and a re-evaluation of CPM papers CPM 2026/11 and CPM 2026/12.
- [7] To ensure fluidity between the ESG and this Governance Working Group, we also propose the revision of the ToR of the ESG to ensure representation from this Governance Working Group.