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Organization of a Workshop by the Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) on the International Movement of Grain

Dear RPPO colleagues:

At the CPM-6 meeting, in March 2011, the representative of Canada provided an update on its previous offer to host an IPPC Open Ended Workshop to address issues related to the international movement of grain. As Canada had not secured sufficient funds to hold the workshop, he advised that the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) and the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) had expressed interest in organizing the workshop, jointly with the other RPPOs around the world. Others countries may be able to provide some financial support for this meeting.

During the CPM-6 meeting, the RPPOs held, as usual, a side meeting to address issues of common interest, including the Agenda of the 2011 TC-RPPOs, to be held in Vietnam in August 2011. One of the issues addressed in this meeting was the possibility of organizing the above mentioned workshop.

A representative from Canada attended the side meeting and explained the support that they could provide to organize the meeting in Vancouver, in the last week of November or the first week of December 2011. The RPPOs decided to support this initiative, under the leadership of NAPPO and APPPC but expressed their concerns regarding:

- the possibility of financing RPPO representatives from their regions and particularly from less developed regions and countries.
- the quota of participants to be allowed from each RPPO, considering a total number of participants of around 60 persons and the fact that industry representatives should be considered in this quota.
- the dates proposed and the lack of interpretation during the meeting.

The RPPOs agreed to try to deal with the issue of finding additional resources, to provide names of their representatives and to agree on the final Agenda of the workshop. In the meantime, they asked the Secretariat to ask the IPPC Bureau for their opinion about the organization of the workshop under these conditions and on the Agenda for the workshop. The Secretariat consulted the IPPC Bureau on these issues in the meeting of 18th March 2011.

Consequently I have the pleasure to advise you that the Bureau greatly appreciated the proposal received from the RPPOs to organize a Workshop on the International Movement of Grain. Whilst they expressed concern on the planned size and participation conditions for the meeting, they thanked the RPPOs for their commitment to combine and integrate their resources and capacities to solve these constraints given the particular financial situation which the IPPC is currently in. Finally, on the Agenda of the meeting, the Bureau recommended following the terms of reference agreed by CPM-5, Appendix 19)

I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the RPPOs for this initiative and their continuing efforts to support the IPPC.

Yours sincerely,

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International Plant Protection Convention