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Proposal for NEPPPO's Recognition as an RPPO
Agenda item 12.3 of the Provisional Agenda

1. In 2010, the Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPPO) asked the IPPC Secretariat to initiate the procedure required for their recognition as a Regional Plant Protection Organization (RPPO), under Article IX of the IPPC. The procedure for recognition of new RPPOs was approved by ICPM-4 in 2002 and consist of 4 steps as follows:

- 1) The prospective RPPO presents documentation authenticating an intergovernmental agreement and a written request for recognition as an RPPO under Article IX of the IPPC (1997) to the Chairperson of the Interim Commission.
- 2) The FAO Legal Counsel reviews the legal status of the submission.
- 3) The Technical Consultation among RPPOs (TC) assesses whether the prospective RPPO meets the Guidelines adopted by ICPM-4 for the Recognition of RPPOs. These 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
 - harmonize phytosanitary measures
 - participate in activities to promote the objectives of the IPPC
 - gather and disseminate information
- 4) The Technical Consultation submits a recommendation for consideration by the Interim Commission.

2. The IPPC Secretariat informed the Chair of the CPM Bureau about the request for recognition of NEPPPO as an RPPO under Article IX of the IPPC, and asked the FAO Legal Counsel to review the submission. The issue was included in the Agenda of the 23rd TC.

3. FAO LEGA reviewed the background documentation, in particular, the Agreement for the Establishment of the Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPPO) adopted by a Conference of Plenipotentiaries in Rabat, Morocco from 16 to 18 February 1993. In light of such Agreement, they

confirmed that NEPPO has an intergovernmental status and is therefore eligible for being recognized as an RPPO by the IPPC.

4. The 23rd TC considered the advice received from FAO-LEGA, reviewed the NEPPO submission following the criteria set out in the ICPM-4 for the recognition of an RPPO and agreed that NEPPO has as a minimum, the functions required to be considered an RPPO under Article IX of the IPPC. Therefore, the 23rd TC recommended to CPM the recognition of NEPPO as an RPPO.

5. CPM is invited to:

- *Recognize* NEPPO as an RPPO under Article IX of the IPPC.
- *Congratulate* NEPPO member countries for the initiative and welcome the new RPPO to the IPPC.