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COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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1. On the occasion of the 60 year anniversary of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) on 3 April 2012, we the current 177 signatory members of the IPPC:

- 1) *Celebrate* the successes over the past 60 years achieved by cooperating at the international level to prevent the spread of harmful plant pests;
- 2) *Recognize* the emerging and future challenges facing the world from the increased threats to food security, biodiversity, and economic growth presented by plant pests and diseases moving within and between countries;
- 3) *Re-affirm* the vital importance of cooperation and collective action at the international level to address pest threats in the years ahead;
- 4) *Call upon* countries, international organizations, industry groups, and civil society to:
 - a) renew efforts to counter the threats posed by the introduction of new pests
 - b) support the mission and activities of the IPPC at global, regional and national levels with adequate resources .
 - c) re-commit to adopting and implementing international plant health standards set by the IPPC to the broadest extent possible.

2. The 177 members of the IPPC *renew their commitment* to cooperation in plant protection that is critical for all countries as they work to ensure economic agricultural, horticultural and forestry protection, food security, the protection of the wild environment, biodiversity, and capacity development.