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COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

First Session

Rome, 3 – 7 April 2006

Election of the Chairperson Election of Vice-Chairpersons and rapporteur

Agenda Item 2 and Agenda Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda

I. Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

1. With the coming into force of the 1997 amendments of the Convention, the FAO Conference, either directly or through the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, ceases to be the Governing Body of the Convention.
2. According to Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the IPPC, contracting parties agree to establish the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

II. Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission

3. According to Article 11, Paragraph 10 of the IPPC the Commission shall elect its Chairperson and no more than two Vice-Chairpersons, each of whom shall serve for a term of two years.

III. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission

4. The Secretary of the IPPC will chair the session until a Chairperson is elected. The Commission may wish to elect its Chairperson at the earliest opportunity, before the adoption of the Agenda and the consideration of the rules of procedure. The Chairperson will be elected under the General Rules of FAO (Part B of the Basic Text).
5. In considering the election of the Chairperson, the Commission may wish to take into consideration that the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures elected its Chairperson for a two years' period at the end of the Seventh and last Session of the ICPM in April 2005.

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IV. Election of the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur of the Commission

6. The Commission may wish to elect the Vice-Chairpersons and the rapporteur after the adoption of the Agenda and the Rules of Procedure of the CPM (under agenda point 5).

7. In considering the election of the Vice-Chairpersons, the Commission may wish to take into consideration that the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures elected its Vice-Chairpersons for a two years period at the end of the Seventh and last Session of the ICPM in April 2005.