



**International Plant Protection Convention**  
Protecting the world's plant resources from pests

*60 Years*

## IPPC Declaration

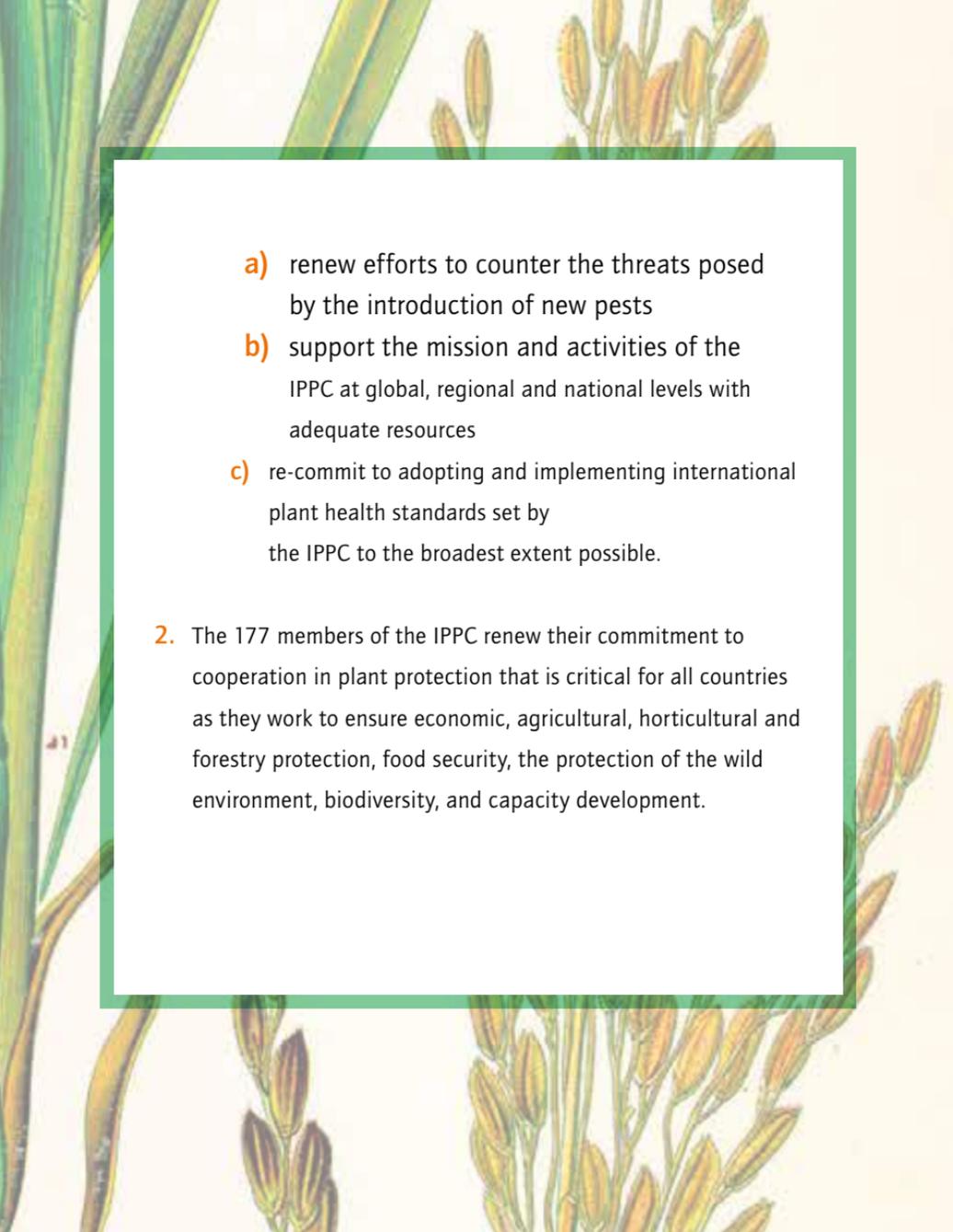




# Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

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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, and



- 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.





## IPPC

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international plant health agreement that aims to protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of pests. International travel and trade are greater than ever before. As people and commodities move around the world, organisms that present risks to plants travel with them.

### Organization

- ◆ There are 177 contracting party signatories to the Convention.
- ◆ Each contracting party has a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) and an Official IPPC contact point.
- ◆ 10 Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) established to coordinate NPPOs on a regional level.
- ◆ IPPC liaises with relevant international organizations to help build regional and national capacities.
- ◆ The Secretariat is provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-UN).



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