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## I. Preliminary Views and Ideas for Going Forward

1. We wish to congratulate the FAO Office of Evaluation and the Evaluation Team for their comprehensive evaluation report. The information and analysis contained in the report provide a sound basis for acting on the report's findings and conclusions. The forward-looking recommendations provide practical guidance for a future Secretariat, both in terms of an efficient and focused structure, and more coordinated operations.
2. The evaluation report comes at a key moment when NPPOs, RPPOs, and the IPPC all face new challenges in terms of sustaining their plant protection mission in the face of increasingly limited resources and changing global realities, pressures, and demands. Soon a new Secretary will be appointed, who will also bring new leadership into the IPPC. We believe the evaluation provides useful guidance and advice to the incoming Secretary and encourages him or her to take full advantage of the recommendations provided.
3. This evaluation provides the CPM and FAO with critical, in-depth information about the changes, competencies, and adjustments that will be necessary to position the IPPC and its contracting parties for success in the future. We look forward to working with other CPM members in implementing the elements of the report that will ensure the IPPC's continued global relevance and effectiveness.
4. We urge CPM members to review the report and to provide comments, according to the process the CPM Chairperson will provide.
5. At this stage it is important that:

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- contracting parties have the opportunity and sufficient time to review the report and provide comments and input, and
- FAO moves as quickly as it can to action those recommendations referring to FAO policies and processes, FAO management of the Secretariat, and the internal operation of the Secretariat

6. To support the enhancement process and ensure an effective CPM response, we believe that CPM should:

- 1) *Invite* members to provide comments on the report by May 15, 2015
- 2) *authorize* the Bureau to:
  - a) review contracting parties' comments and input at its June 2015 meeting
  - b) engage with the FAO as the Organization also considers the evaluation and its recommendations
  - c) formulate a proposal for CPM-11 (2016) regarding the CPM-related suggestions in the report (i.e., paragraph ES21), recommending which should be implemented and when,
  - d) and provide any other advice which is relevant to implementing the most critical improvement changes called for in the report.