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1. The year 2017 marked a milestone in the International Plant Protection Convention's (IPPC) history, with the 65th anniversary of the Convention, and the implementation of the annual theme on "Plant Health and Trade Facilitation". With strong support from all relevant stakeholders, the IPPC Secretariat continuously improved its performance and increased its impact globally, regionally and nationally. This report includes ten outstanding achievements by the IPPC Secretariat in 2017.

- *Implementation* of 2017 IPPC annual theme
- *Organization* of IPPC governance and strategic activities
- *Strengthening* of standard setting
- *Strengthening* of standards implementation
- *Strengthening* of IPPC trade facilitation actions
- *Promotion* of IPPC communications and advocacy
- *Promotion* of International Year of Plant Health proclamation
- *Promotion* of IPPC network and international cooperation
- *Enhancement* of resource mobilization
- *Enhancement* of internal management

2. The 2107 IPPC annual theme was effectively disseminated by organizing a series of activities: one keynote address from Secretary General of the World Custom Organization (WCO), one special topic session on eCommerce and one side event on ePhyto held during the CPM 12 in Republic of Korea; one side event co-organized by both IPPC and SPS Secretariats during the SPS Committee meeting in Geneva; and two IPPC seminars run at FAO-HQs.

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3. Remarkable results were achieved in IPPC governance and strategy including: organization of all meetings for the IPPC governing bodies; establishment of a new oversight body for Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC); set-up of a focus group on a joint call for Phytosanitary Measures; and promotion of IPPC strategic planning for 2020-2030.
4. Outstanding achievements were obtained in standard setting including: adoption of a record number of standards (22) including five ISPMs, ten Phytosanitary Treatments (PTs) and seven Diagnostic Protocols (DPs); and an in-depth discussion on the concept of commodity standard of the International movement of grain, and the International movement of cut flowers and foliage.
5. Important achievements were gained in standard implementation such as: implementation of various projects on IPPC Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) in 10 countries (Barbados, Botswana, Georgia, Guinea, Kenya, Uzbekistan, Madagascar, Namibia, Somalia and Zambia); completion of the STDF project 401 and the second cycle of the EC project on IRSS; and conduction of the IPPC project on Capacity Development supported by FAO-China SSC Programme.
6. IPPC Trade Facilitation Actions were greatly promoted including: deployment, testing and demonstration of the IPPC ePhyto hub and the generic ePhyto national system (GeNS); establishment of the IPPC Sea Containers Task Force (SCTF) and organization of its first meeting; and initialization of the IPPC work on eCommerce.
7. Encouraging achievements were gained in promoting IPPC communication and advocacy such as: release of over 140 IPPC with 30% increase compared to 2016 and increase in the IPPC presence on social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Weibo); publication of 2016 IPPC Annual Report and six IPPC factsheets (brochures); and organization of two receptions for celebration of the IPPC 65th anniversary.
8. Initiative of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) was substantially enhanced through: organizing two IYPH Steering Committee meetings; running one reception for promotion of the IYPH in FAO-HQs; and promoting endorsement of the IYPH proclamation at the 40th Session of the FAO Conference.
9. IPPC network and international cooperation were greatly enhanced by: organizing seven IPPC Regional Workshops with 206 participants from 117 countries, and one IPPC Workshop on NROs in the Pacific region with 29 participants from 21 NPPOs; supporting the annual technical consultation (TC) among the regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs); signing an IPPC-CBD Joint Work Programme for 2017-2019; and developing a bilateral cooperation agreement between the IPPC and the WCO.
10. Tremendous progress was made resource mobilization, such as receiving a record amount of the IPPC Multi-donor Trust Fund thanks to contributions from Australia, Canada, Japan, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, New Zealand, USA/NAPPO, and International Seed Federation (ISF); obtaining the biggest amount (USD 2,000,000) of the IPPC project supported from the developing contracting parties (China); and also gaining the highest amount of IPPC In-kind contribution mainly from Republic of Korea.
11. Internal management of the IPPC Secretariat was greatly strengthened through hiring two Unit (Team) leaders; moving the work plan and budget of the IPPC Secretariat one year forward for better planning and execution; standardizing 16 items on IPPC communication and advocacy issue; and renewing both task forces on resource mobilization (TFRM), and on communication and advocacy (TFCA).
12. The year 2017 was memorable for the IPPC Community and the IPPC Secretariat from many viewpoints, and we, “One IPPC”, can all be proud of our achievements and progress. The year 2018 will be yet another important year for the IPPC, distinguished by implementation of the next IPPC annual theme on “Plant Health and Environment Protection” towards 2020. We are confident that 2018 will be

marked as a new milestone in the IPPC's history owing to the continued support and dedication by the entire IPPC Community.

13. The IPPC Secretariat wishes to express its high appreciation to the IPPC Governing Bodies for their valuable guidance and oversight; to all contracting parties (NPPOs) and the Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) for their strong support and positive contribution; and to all partners and collaborators for their close cooperation.

14. The CPM is invited to:

- 1) *note* the report presented by the IPPC Secretariat.