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1. Four months have passed since last December 2, was announced at FAO headquarters, the start of the IYPH. Over the coming months, various events will take place around the world, sponsored by IPPC Contracting Parties. For its part, CPM-15 has included in its program a ministerial segment, so that the Ministers of Agriculture of each of the FAO regions that requested to participate, provide views and requirements on the products that require the CPM, for development of its national and international agendas. Probably the most relevant event within the set of hundreds of events, will be the one that will take place at the end of 2020, called the First International Conference on Plant Health, which will take place from October 5 to 8, in Helsinki, Finland. The effect sought with the various events that will take place in 183 countries during the rest of the year 2020, is to ensure the visibility of plant health in the eyes of decision makers who have authority over NPPOs, as well as the private sector whose operations require compliance with ISPMs and of course for each NPPO to reiterate its commitment to adherence to the international convention that brings them together.

2. The operation of NPPOs, aligned with the standards developed by the IPPC, makes the difference between taking care of or not taking proper care of the plant, agricultural and wild resources of each country, and as a whole, of the world, and expressed in terms of commitments acquired by the members of the UN, the correct operation of an NPPO, contributes to the fulfilment of 9 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). CPM is satisfied with the solidity achieved by the mechanism for developing international standards, which constitute the correct operating framework for NPPOs. The availability of 43 ISPMs that are aligned to the principles of international trade and biodiversity organizations has favored the development of international trade in agricultural and forestry goods, while protecting the world's plant resources.

3. These standards may be mostly appreciated at a times when political positions are heard that question the viability of trade globalization.

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4. Despite the robustness of the standards development process, the widespread implementation of each of the standards, by its 183 contracting parties, is still an unfinished task. For example, in the case of a fundamental standard, such as Surveillance, ISPM 6, the pilot project that has been carried out in recent years, shows that the degree of implementation, in the universe of 183 NPPOs, is still incomplete.

5. CPM is close to adopting its Strategic Framework 2020-2030 and with that, it will begin the development of commodity standards, after several standards have been developed that establish concepts and procedures, as well as a small number of commodity standards (the most notable it is the ISPM 15 that establishes the condition under which the international movement of wooden pallets is safe), it is expected that the commodity standards will make the process of establishing export and import requirements more efficient. These new standards will be practical deliverables of CPM, which can facilitate trade, while making it safer.

6. Indicators on the recognition of the work carried out by the CPM by the FAO authorities are observed. The Council approved last December, an additional financial contribution, from the regular program, of 500 thousand dollars for the development of IPPC projects, thus strengthening recent progress that have been achieved in matters of implementation: electronic certification is a reality for dozens of NPPOs.

7. The CPM-14 adopted two International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, six diagnostic protocols (DPs) as Annexes to ISPM 27 (Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests) and some others standards that were reviewed, all these standards were based on the contribution of prominent scientific specialists and national experts in the field of plant protection as well as countries that hosted meetings along the year, to whom I appreciate their work and dedication.