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## INTERIM COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### Sixth Session

Rome, 29 March – 2 April 2004

### Selection of the Standards Committee Chair and Membership of the Standards Committee Working Group

### Agenda Item 8.9 of the Provisional Agenda

1. The rules of the procedure call for the Standards Committee (SC) to select its own chair and the members of the Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7). This causes some problems in that the current timetable has the SC-7 meeting early in the year and again just before the SC-20 in November. However, the membership of SC-7 needs to be selected by SC-20. This issue was discussed at the SC meeting in November 2003 and it was recommended that the full SC convene for the first meeting scheduled soon after the ICPM. This would allow SC-20 to select their Chair and members for the SC-7 and conduct other SC business.
2. The Rules of Procedure for the Standards Committee for Regular Session states: “*Unless otherwise decided by the ICPM meetings of the Standards Committee shall be held in November*”. The Rules do allow for extraordinary sessions to be convened “*in consultation with the Bureau of the ICPM*”. However, as the proposed work of the meeting is part of the normal activities of the Committee, it would be preferable for the ICPM to endorse the proposed meeting of the full SC as a Regular Session.
3. The ICPM is invited to:
 

*Agree* to the full Standard Committee group convening at the first meeting of the Standards Committee, scheduled for -26-30 April 2004.