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## INTERIM COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### Second Session

Rome, 4-8 October 1999

### Status of the IPPC

### Agenda Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda

#### I. Contracting Parties

1. The Secretariat is pleased to notify the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) that instruments of adherence have been recorded for Croatia, Cyprus, Dominica, and Slovenia. These new contracting parties to the IPPC bring the total number of contracting parties to 110. The Secretariat may also report on additional governments adhering to the IPPC at the time of the Second ICPM. The ICPM is invited to welcome these governments to the IPPC.

#### II. Acceptance of the New Revised Text

2. The New Revised Text of the IPPC approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of FAO Conference in November 1997 was transmitted to FAO Member governments for acceptance or adherence early in 1998. Two-thirds of Contracting Parties to the IPPC (72 governments) must accept the New Revised Text before it will come into force. Governments that are party to the existing Convention are asked to deposit their instrument of acceptance with the Director General of FAO. Governments that are not party to the existing Convention are asked to deposit an instrument of adherence. Model documents for these instruments have been provided to governments and are also available from the Secretariat in all official languages.

3. The ICPM has called on all Contracting Parties to deposit their instrument of acceptance as soon as possible so as to bring the New Revised Text into force. A target date of 2001, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IPPC is suggested as a desirable goal.

4. The Secretariat will provide the ICPM with an update on the status of acceptance and adherence. Members of the ICPM are invited to comment concerning the status of the process in their countries.

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### III. Implementation of Interim Measures

5. Resolution 12/97 of the Twenty-ninth FAO Conference resulted in the approval of the New Revised Text of the IPPC and provided interim measures until the New Revised Text came into force. The establishment of the ICPM is one of these interim measures. Others include the designation of official contact points, the voluntary use of the amended phytosanitary certificate, and the development of standards for regulated non-quarantine pests.
6. The Secretariat will report on the status of work toward establishing standards for regulated non-quarantine pests. The Secretariat will also provide the ICPM with current available information regarding official contact points and information received from Members on the voluntary use of the amended phytosanitary certificate.
7. The ICPM is invited to consider and comment on interim measures. Wherever possible, delegations are requested by the Secretariat to identify their official contact points and indicate whether or when they adopt the new phytosanitary certificate.