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Annotated Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the Session

The meeting will be opened by Ms Louise Fresco, FAO Assistant Director-General. This will be followed by introductory remarks from the Secretariat who will note any special arrangements for the meeting before inviting the Chairperson to begin the session. The Chairman will highlight key aspects of the meeting and priority areas of business. He will note the inclusion of a special session on capacity building and suggest specific working arrangements for the anticipated programme.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (ICPM 03/1/REV)

The Secretariat will identify documents for the meeting and indicate any corrections or additions. The Chairperson will invite Members and the Secretariat to consider the Provisional Agenda (ICPM 03/1/REV) and to raise suggestions for changes before adoption.

The Secretariat will propose changes to the agenda as follows:

Agenda item 4

- Add item 4.5: Other information (ICPM 03/8)

Agenda item 6

- Add item 6.3: ICPM position on the phase-out of methyl bromide (transferred from Agenda Item 11: (ICPM 03/28) Summary Report of the Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations)
- Add item 6.4: Treatments for wood packaging (requested by the Republic of Korea) (ICPM 03/8)

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3. Report of the Chairperson (ICPM 03/3)

The Chairperson will comment on the state of IPPC implementation as it relates to the Strategic Directions agreed by the ICPM. He will highlight the disparity between the needs and expectations of Members and the resources devoted to the IPPC work programme. The Chairperson will emphasize the importance of accelerating and expanding standard setting in parallel with capacity building to promote the understanding and proper implementation of standards.

4. Report of the Secretariat

The Secretariat has submitted reports and information to the ICPM regarding the status of the work programme, the Secretariat's activities and budget. The Secretariat may report on further developments in certain areas of the work programme.

4.1 Budget (ICPM 03/4)

The Secretariat has provided a summary of the financial situation in 2002 and the situation anticipated in 2003. The summary also includes a projection for the 2004-2005 work programme. The summary addresses 2002-2003 activities in the main areas of the work according to the budget categories currently used by FAO. However, the projection for 2004-2005 follows the Strategic Directions of the ICPM. This format for reporting is to provide greater budget transparency and anticipates internal adjustments in the FAO budget categories to simplify budget reporting in the future. The ICPM will be invited to comment and may find the summary useful as a reference for discussions under Strategic Planning (Agenda item 8).

4.2 Standard Setting (ICPM 03/5)

The Secretariat has summarized the status of the work programme for standard setting. The ICPM will be invited to comment on the work programme and may also find the summary useful as a reference for discussions on Standard-setting priorities (Agenda item 7) as well as the work programme (Agenda items 8.9 and 9).

4.3 Information Exchange and the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) (ICPM 03/6)

The Secretariat has summarized the status of the work programme regarding information exchange including developments associated with the IPP. The ICPM will be invited to comment on the work programme and may find the summary useful as a reference for discussions under Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance (Agenda item 8).

4.4 Technical Assistance and the PCE (ICPM 03/7)

The Secretariat has summarized the status of the work programme regarding technical assistance including the implementation of the PCE. The ICPM will be invited to comment on the work programme and may find the summary useful as a reference for discussions under Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance (Agenda item 8).

4.5 Other information (ICPM 03/8)

The Secretariat will suggest the addition of this agenda item to inform the ICPM of a number of activities over the past year, in particular as regards the status of ISPM No. 15. A representative of the FAO Legal Office will be present to assist.

5. Adoption of International Standards (ICPM 03/9 and annexes)

The Interim Standards Committee has submitted five documents representing two new standards, two supplements to existing standards, and amendments to the *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*. The ICPM will be asked to adopt the documents.

6. Items Arising from the Fourth Session of the ICPM

At its Fourth Session, the ICPM agreed to undertake several activities during 2002 and identified specific agenda items to be addressed at its Fifth Session, including several points associated with the new Standards Committee and a report from the new Dispute Settlement Body. In addition, the Secretariat has asked to add an item regarding the phase-out of methyl bromide and an item on treatments for wood packaging.

6.1 Report of the Standards Committee

The Chairperson of the Standards Committee will make an oral report to the ICPM regarding the Standard Committee's first year of work with its newly adopted procedures and membership.

6.1.1 Amended Rules of Procedure (ICPM 03/10 and annex)

Amendments suggested by the Standards Committee for its Rules of Procedure will be introduced by the Secretariat. The ICPM will be asked to adopt the changes.

6.1.2 Asia Concerns about the Composition of the Standards Committee (ICPM 03/11)

The Asia region will raise its concerns about the membership of the Standards Committee and propose an alternative formulation. The ICPM will be asked to consider the proposal by the Asia region.

6.1.3 Standards Committee Membership (ICPM 03/12)

The Secretariat will summarize the current membership of the Standards Committee and note opportunities for new nominations which may be raised with the ICPM immediately or delayed until later in the Session. The ICPM will be asked to confirm the new nominations.

6.2 Establishment of a Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement (ICPM 03/13)

The Chairperson of the new Dispute Settlement Body will report to the ICPM on its first meeting. The ICPM will be asked to comment.

6.3 ICPM Position on the Phase-out of Methyl bromide (ICPM 03/28)

The Secretariat will request that this item be transferred from Agenda Item 11 (Summary Report of the Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations). The Chairperson of the Technical Consultation will provide an oral report on the discussions by the Technical Consultation. The ICPM will be asked to consider developing a position on the phase out methyl bromide which can be forwarded to the Montreal Protocol.

6.4 Treatments for Wood Packaging (ICPM 03/8)

The Secretariat will request that this item be added to the agenda based on the request of the Republic of Korea. The ICPM will be informed of research jointly undertaken by the Republic of Korea and the Peoples Republic of China on the efficacy of methyl bromide fumigation for Pine wood nematode. The ICPM will be asked to consider the data as the basis for amending the treatment annex in ISPM No. 15.

7. Topic and Priorities for Standards (ICPM 03/14, ICPM 03/5 and ICPM 03/8)

The Secretariat will introduce a list of topics and priorities for new standards based on responses to the request by the Chairperson. The ICPM will be asked to identify topics and priorities for new standards that may be included in the work programme and to endorse the listing process as a means to demonstrate the possibilities for future work, in particular as regards the needs and priorities of developing countries.

8. Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance

This agenda item covers the work done by the Informal Working Group on Strategic Planning and

Technical Assistance (SPTA). The Chairperson for the SPTA, the Chairperson for the ICPM, and the Secretariat will jointly support the discussions on these points.

8.1 Amendment to the Strategic Plan (ICPM 03/15 and annex)

Recommendations for changes in the ICPM's Strategic Plan have been submitted by the SPTA. The ICPM will be invited to consider and adopt the recommendations.

8.2 ICPM Resources (ICPM 03/16)

The Chairperson of the Informal Working Group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance will introduce the Business Plan developed for the ICPM and propose next steps. The ICPM will be asked to endorse the Business Plan. Members will be encouraged to use the document in supporting efforts to increase resources for the IPPC's work programme.

8.3 Analysis of the Advantages and Disadvantages of a Trust Fund (ICPM 03/17 and annex)

An analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of a trust fund has been submitted by the Secretariat and SPTA. The financial mechanism provided by the Secretariat to the ICPM at its Fourth Session is provided again. The ICPM will be asked to consider the results of the analysis, adopt the proposal for a trust fund and the complementary financial mechanism.

8.4 Budget Transparency (ICPM 03/18 and ICPM 03/4)

The Secretariat will note changes in the format for budget reporting as reflected in agenda item 4. In addition, the SPTA has proposed a procedure for budget planning and reporting. The ICPM will be asked to comment on the changes being undertaken by the Secretariat and to adopt the procedure proposed by the SPTA.

8.5 IPPC-CBD Cooperation (ICPM 03/19)

The Secretariat has provided a summary of developments as regards cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity, including initiatives related to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The Secretariat will update this summary with additional information on recent activities. The ICPM will be asked to comment on IPPC-CBD cooperation.

8.6 Liaison with Research and Educational Institutions (ICPM 03/20)

The SPTA has proposed that the ICPM develop a programme of outreach to create and strengthen linkages with research and educational institutions. It has recommended that an Informal Working Group be formed to begin this process. The ICPM will be asked to adopt this proposal.

8.7 IPPC Information Exchange Work Programme (ICPM 03/21 and ICPM 03/6)

The Secretariat has summarized the work programme for information exchange and proposed future initiatives following the recommendation of the SPTA. The ICPM will be asked to endorse the recommendations.

8.8 Technical Assistance Work Programme (ICPM 03/22 and ICPM 03/7)

The Secretariat has summarized the work programme for technical assistance and proposed future initiatives following the recommendations of the SPTA. Special emphasis has been placed on the development of additional tools. The ICPM will be asked to endorse the recommendations.

8.9 Programme of Work (ICPM 03/23)

A Programme of Work has been proposed by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau and the SPTA. The work programme may be revised by the ICPM considering:

- the level of work programme activity desired by the ICPM;
- priorities identified by the ICPM;

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- available and anticipated resources, including staff; and
 - time available in the calendar.

Information and discussions from Agenda item 4 (Report of the Secretariat) will be useful for these discussions in addition to information and discussions from other areas of Agenda item 8 (Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance) and Agenda item 7 (Topics and priorities for standards). The ICPM will be asked to adopt the Programme of Work. The Chairperson may delay finalizing this point until after completing discussions on Agenda item 9.

8.10 Provisional Calendar (ICPM 03/24)

The Secretariat has proposed a provisional calendar in consultation with the Bureau and the SPTA. The ICPM will be asked to adopt the provisional calendar. The Secretariat will encourage Members to nominate experts for working groups or other meetings as appropriate.

8.11 Guidelines for the Composition and Organization of Expert Working Groups (ICPM 03/25)

The SPTA has proposed criteria and a procedure for the selection of experts participating in expert working groups. The ICPM will be asked to adopt this proposal.

9. Work Programme for Harmonization (ICPM 03/26)

The Secretariat has summarized the current status of the programme for standard setting, noting topics and priorities that are currently included as well as topics that remain outstanding. The ICPM will be asked to consider this information along with information provided in ICPM 03/14, ICPM 03/5 and ICPM 03/8 as the basis for recommending modifications to the Work Programme for Harmonization.

10. Status of the IPPC (ICPM 03/27)

The Secretariat has summarized the current status of adherence to the Convention and acceptance of the amendments to the IPPC adopted in 1997. The Secretariat will update the ICPM on further developments. The ICPM will be asked to comment on the status of the IPPC.

11. Report of the Technical Consultation among RPPOs (ICPM 03/28)

A summary of the 14th Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations is provided to the ICPM for review and comment. The Chairperson of the Technical Consultation will provide an oral report to the ICPM. It is noted that points regarding the phase-out of methyl bromide will have been dealt with under Agenda item 6. However, points regarding the use of less complex language in standards will be covered in this agenda item. The ICPM will be asked to comment on the report.

12. Other Business

13. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The Secretariat will provide information about facilities and dates. The ICPM will be asked to decide the date and venue of its Sixth Session.

14. Election of the Bureau (ICPM 03/29)

The Secretariat has provided a summary document regarding procedures. The ICPM will be asked to elect its Bureau.

15. Adoption of the Report

The Secretariat and Rapporteur will provide the ICPM with a report of the meeting for adoption.