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### Election of Officers for the ICPM and Membership of Subsidiary Bodies

#### Agenda Item 14.1 of the Provisional Agenda

#### *I. Bureau of the ICP M*

1. The Rules of Procedure of the ICPM requires the election of a Bureau consisting of a Chairperson and not more than two Vice-Chair persons at the end of the regular session of the ICPM to hold office for a term of two years. Under this rule the next elections will need to be held at the end of the regular session in 2005.

#### *II. Standards Committee membership*

2. Under the rules of procedure of the Standards Committee (SC) members of that Committee shall serve two years with a maximum of six years. The intention is that only seven members are replaced every two years to ensure continuity. However, achieving this is dependent on the decisions of the FAO regions. There is no mechanism to prevent FAO regions from replacing all their SC members every two years. The practice of the Secretariat is to ask all FAO regions to either re-nominate current members that have served a two year term (but less than 6 years) or nominate a new member. All nominations are submitted to the ICPM for confirmation. The rules of procedure of the SC do not stipulate the method that FAO regions should use to select their SC nominations. The confirmation of nominations for SC is dealt with under a separate agenda item.

3. Although the original SC members were first appointed in 2002, a number resigned before serving their full two year term and were replaced at ICPM-5, in 2003. This pattern is likely to continue and therefore confirmation of at least some new members of SC is likely to be necessary at each ICPM.

#### *III. Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement membership*

4. Under the rules of procedure members of the Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement (SBDS) members of that body shall serve a minimum of two years with a maximum of six years. The current members were appointed in 2002 and therefore have served a term of two years. The

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confirmation of nominations received for membership of the SBDS is dealt with under a separate agenda item.

5. The ICPM is invited to *note* the information provided on election of officers and membership of the Subsidiary Bodies.