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1. The ICPM will recall that the Third Session of the ICPM included discussions on the:
 - report of the Exploratory Open-Ended Working Group on Phytosanitary Aspects of GMOs, biosafety and invasive species
 - joint consultation on IPPC-CBD collaboration
 - participation of the Chairperson of the ICPM and the Secretariat in a meeting of the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP)
 - Sixth Session of the Subsidiary Body on Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA).
2. Members will also recall that the Chairperson of GISP addressed the Third Session of the ICPM and that a CBD representative described some of the work of the CBD, in particular on invasive species. The CBD representative noted that the Sixth Session of SBSTTA acknowledged the contribution of the IPPC and that it invited the IPPC, as it elaborates or revises standards and agreements, including risk assessment and analysis, to consider incorporating criteria related to threats posed by alien invasive species. SBSTTA also welcomed the initiative to develop closer relationships to the CBD and its work. The CBD representative further noted that SBSTTA had requested that the CBD Executive Secretary explore ways and means of cooperating with the international and regional organizations operating within the framework of the IPPC in the development and periodic review of standards under the SPS Agreement.
3. The IPPC Secretariat and Bureau have continued the programme reported at the Third Session of the ICPM in strengthening the work of the ICPM in GMOs, biosafety and invasive species. The Secretariat wishes to bring the following documents and developments to the attention of Members.
4. An Open-ended Expert Working Group met 12-14 September 2001 in Rome, Italy to further the ICPM's programme on standards by developing a detailed specification for a standard on the plant pest risks associated with LMOs/products of modern biotechnology. This meeting followed the terms of reference established by the Third Session of the ICPM (Appendix II of the report of the Third Session of the ICPM). A draft specification was formulated by the meeting and is submitted to the Fourth Session of the ICPM for adoption. (See ICPM02/9 Annex 6).

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5. The Secretariat was represented at the following meetings:
 - Meeting of Technical Experts on Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms, 13-15 June 2001, Paris, France
 - Management of Invasive Alien Species: Forging Cooperation in the Baltic/Nordic Region - sponsored by the GISP, U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen and the U.S. Department of State, 21-23 May 2001, Copenhagen, Denmark
 - ICCP-2 - Second Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 1-5 October 2001, Nairobi, Kenya
 - The Prevention and Management of Invasive Alien Species: Forging Cooperation throughout South America, 17-19 October 2001, Brasilia, Brazil.

6. “The importance of biosecurity in preserving biodiversity through the control of invasive alien species” was proposed as a potential theme by the Seventh Session of SBSTTA (12-16 November 2001) for the eighth or subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD.

7. At the Second Session of Intergovernmental Committee on the Cartagena Protocol (ICCP), a statement concerning the cooperation between the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the IPPC regarding risk analysis for phytosanitary risks associated with LMOs was adopted. This is found as recommendation 2/12 in Annex 1 of the report of the meeting UNEP/CBD/ICCP/15 and referred to in the report itself under Item 5, *Other matters*.

8. The statement requests the Executive Secretary of the CBD to continue to maintain close cooperation with the ICPM regarding the development of standards, and it encourages parties to the CBD and IPPC to include experts on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the CBD in their delegations to relevant meetings. It urges the ICPM, when developing standards concerning LMOs, to see that the standards are in harmony with the requirements of the Cartagena Protocol.

9. The IPPC Secretariat has continued discussions with the CBD Secretariat and has drawn up a Memorandum of Cooperation that recognizes the overlapping objectives of the IPPC and CBD and calls for strengthening cooperation between the agreements. The proposed agreement identifies areas for collaboration, in particular to:
 - promote cooperation between the respective secretariats, including through regular exchange of information on relevant activities, participation of staff of each secretariat in relevant meetings, and cooperation in the preparation of official documents
 - encourage cooperation and information exchange between the respective focal points of the conventions and the Cartagena Protocol
 - promote and facilitate mutual technical support to promote capacity building at national and regional levels
 - promote linkages between the information systems established under the IPPC and the CBD
 - facilitate, as appropriate, the participation of technical experts of each convention and the Cartagena Protocol in relevant work of the other
 - facilitate synergy between the work of the CBD Conference of Parties, or the Meeting of Parties Cartagena Protocol, and the governing body of the IPPC, in relevant matters, including, as appropriate, the development of international standards that relate to common interests of the two conventions and the Cartagena Protocol.

10. The Secretariat of the CBD has requested Governments and international organizations to comment on a number of issues arising from the second meeting of the ICCP. These requests included a request for comment on the ability to assist Parties to meet the requirements of Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol, and the capacity to adjust systems should adjustment be necessary.

11. The relevant paragraphs of Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol, Handling, transport, packaging and identification are paragraphs 2(b) and (c). This subject is covered in recommendation 2/10: Handling, Packaging, Transport, and Identification in Annex 1 of the

report of the meeting UNEP/CBD/ICCP/15. ICPM Members are reminded that the Meeting of Technical Experts on Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms convened in Paris from 13-15 June 2001 discussed the issues relating to documentation accompanying the transboundary movements of LMOs for contained use and those for intentional introduction into the environment. The report of the meeting noted that parties could use an accompanying document provided by the originator and/or existing international documentation systems or that Parties review the subject and discuss the development a new system of documentation for Article 18, paragraph 2 (b) and (c).

12. ICPM Members are invited to:
 1. *Note* the statement of cooperation between the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the IPPC regarding risk analysis for phytosanitary risks that may arise from LMOs.
 2. *Endorse* the initiative of the Secretariat to establish of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the CBD and the IPPC.
 3. *Consider* the importance of formulating guidance for Members on the relationship of phytosanitary certification to the documentation issues arising from Article 18 of the Biosafety Protocol.
 4. *Recommend* the preparation of a discussion paper on the subject and that a working group be organized to formulate recommendations for the ICPM to consider at its Fifth Session.