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## INTERIM COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### Fourth Session

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### Programme of Work

### Agenda Item 6.3 of the Provisional Agenda

1. The Third Session of the ICPM considered a programme of work developed by the Informal Working Group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance for the period April 2001 to March 2002. This work programme was reported as Annex 2 of Appendix XVII in the Report of the Third Session of the ICPM.
2. Following the review of the mission statement, strategic directions and goals, the Informal Working Group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance has prepared a programme of work for the period March 2002 to April 2003 to recommend to the Fourth Session of the ICPM.
3. The Informal Working Group noted the absolute priority of the annual Session of the ICPM and two meetings of the Standards Committee.
4. The following recommendations for the work programme are based on the framework of the strategic directions.
5. **Strategic Direction No. 1:** The development, adoption and monitoring of the implementation of international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs)

The priorities for standard-setting are:

- Efficacy of measures – draft to be initiated
- Pest risk analysis for living modified organisms (LMOs) - draft to be initiated
- Pest risk analysis for regulated non-quarantine pests – draft to be initiated
- Glossary of phytosanitary terms – including economic impacts – ongoing as amended each year
- Surveillance for Citrus canker - drafting to be completed
- Pest listing - drafting to be completed
- Principles of plant quarantine as related to international trade (ISPM 1) – to be reviewed and revised
- Guidelines for pest risk analysis (ISPM 2) – ISPM to be reviewed and revised
- Inspection methodology – draft to be completed
- Import regulatory systems – draft to be completed

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Recommendations by the Informal Working Group on other aspects of the standard-setting programme include:

- Completion of an explanatory document on Systems Approaches
- Working Group on the monitoring of the implementation of standards
- Implementation of the stewardship concept for new standards (to the extent possible, a member of the Standards Committee)
- Use of stewardship procedure on a trial basis for the revision of standards beginning with ISPM 2. This process may save resources.

6. **Strategic Direction No. 2:** Information exchange

The recommendations are:

- Continue the development of the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)
- Organize a meeting of the IPP support group.

7. **Strategic Direction No. 3:** The provision of dispute settlement mechanisms

No recommendations were made. It was noted that a meeting of the Subsidiary Body may be possible at the Fourth Session of the ICPM.

8. **Strategic Direction No.4:** The development of the phytosanitary capacity of Members by promoting the provision of technical assistance

Recommendations for the work programme are:

- Updating and enhancement of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE) in each language
- Creation of a CD-ROM version of the PCE with additional phytosanitary information added
- Organize a workshop for the training of expert facilitators to assist in the maintenance and implementation of the PCE.

9. **Strategic Direction No. 5:** The maintenance of an effective and efficient administrative framework

The Informal Working Group recommended a meeting be organized to finalize a business plan and to edit the strategic plan for clarity. Members of the Informal Working Group has volunteered to form an ad-hoc Business Plan Focus Team for this purpose.

10. **Strategic Direction No. 6:** Promotion of the IPPC and cooperation with relevant international organizations

The Informal Working Group recommended the Secretariat report to the ICPM on progress achieved for Goal 6.2.

11. The ICPM is invited to:

1. *Adopt* the recommendations of the Informal Working Group for the 2001-2002 programme of work.