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Acceptance of the IPPC (1997) and the Implementation of Interim Measures

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1. The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) approved by the Twenty-ninth FAO Conference in November 1997 was transmitted to FAO Member governments for acceptance or adherence early in 1998. Two-thirds (2/3) of Contracting Parties that were Contracting Parties at the time of the adoption of the IPPC in 1998 (72 nations) must accept the amendments before they come into force. Governments that are contracting parties to the Convention are asked to deposit their instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of FAO. Governments that are not party to the 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.

2. The Secretariat brings to the attention of the ICPM that there are two new contracting parties since the last meeting of the ICPM, bringing the total number of contracting parties to 117.

3. The Secretariat is also pleased to report that before 7 January 2002, FAO had received and recorded instruments of **acceptance** for the New Revised Text from (37) governments as listed below:

Albania	29 July 1999
Argentina	5 April 2000
Australia	13 June 2000
Azerbaijan	18 August 2000
Bangladesh	24 November 1998
Barbados	10 August 1998
Canada	22 October 2001
Costa Rica	23 August 1999
Croatia	14 May 1999
Cyprus	11 February 1999
Czech Republic	4 April 2001
Eritrea	6 April 2001
Estonia	7 December 2000
Hungary	28 June 2001

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Jordan	January 2002
Korea, Republic of	9 November 2000
Lithuania	9 November 2000
Mauritius	16 November 2000
Mexico	28 June 2000
Moldova	25 January 2001
Morocco	8 February 2000
Netherlands	27 August 2001
New Zealand	22 June 1999
Norway	29 February 2000
Oman	28 January 2000
Papua New Guinea	15 January 1999
Peru	22 March 2000
Romania	21 January 1999
Saudi Arabia	7 August 2000
Senegal	January 2002
Slovenia	22 November 2000
Spain	5 June 2000
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	15 November 2001
Sweden	7 June 1999
Tunisia	8 February 1999
United States of America	2 October 2001
Uruguay	12 July 2001

I. Implementation of Interim Measures

4. Resolution 12/97 of the Twenty-ninth FAO Conference resulted in the approval of the IPPC (1997) and made provision for certain interim measures until the IPPC (1997) enters into force. These interim measures include the establishment of the ICPM, the designation of official contact points, the development of standards for regulated non-quarantine pests and the voluntary use of the new format for phytosanitary certificates.

5. The Secretariat will provide the ICPM with updated information regarding official contact points and information received from Members on the use of the amended phytosanitary certificate. The ICPM is reminded that ISPM Pub. No. 12 *Guidelines for the use of the phytosanitary certificates* was adopted at the Third Session of the ICPM. As a result of the adoption of this standard, Members are in a better position to implement the use of the phytosanitary certificate.

6. The draft standard *Regulated non-quarantine pests: concept and application* is submitted for adoption during the current session of the ICPM. This standard describes the concept of regulated non-quarantine pests, and the regulatory requirements relevant to regulated non-quarantine pests. Current plans call for this standard to be followed in the future by an additional ISPM describing *Pest risk analysis for regulated non-quarantine pests*.

7. The ICPM is invited to:

1. *Encourage* FAO Members that are not contracting parties to the IPPC (1997) to submit their instruments of adherence.
2. *Encourage* contracting parties that have not accepted the IPPC (1997) to submit their instrument of acceptance. Members may wish to comment on the status of the process in their countries.
3. *Encourage* contracting parties to use the amended phytosanitary certificate. Members are also invited to report to the ICPM on their adoption of the amended phytosanitary certificate.
4. *Consider and comment* on interim measures. Wherever possible, delegations are requested by the Secretariat to identify or update their official contact points.