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Summary Report of the Thirteenth Technical Consultation among Regional Plant Protection Organizations

Agenda Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda

1. The Thirteenth Technical Consultation (TC) among Regional Plant Protection Organizations was held 29 September - 01 October 2001 in Auckland New Zealand. The following points are noted:

RPPO Seminar Series

2. The TC considered a proposal for a *seminar series* organized by the Technical Consultation, intended to contribute to the achievement of Article IX of the IPPC (1997). The TC agreed to organize an *interactive workshop* rather than a *seminar series*, to be held at the end of each TC.

Diminishing Access to Methyl Bromide for Phytosanitary Fumigation

3. The TC discussed the implications of diminished access to methyl bromide for pre-shipment and post-entry purposes. It noted that any decision by countries to restrict the export of methyl bromide under the Montreal Protocol and to accelerate the withdrawal of methyl bromide would have far-reaching consequences for international trade. In addition, it was recognized that research on alternatives to methyl bromide was yielding little promise of success. The Consultation emphasized the need to open discussion at the highest level.

Recognition of RPPOs

4. The TC proposed a procedure for the recognition of new RPPOs as noted in ICPM 02/23.

5. The ICPM is invited to:

1. *Note* the addition of an interactive workshop as part of future Technical Consultations.
2. *Note* the concerns and recommendations of the Technical Consultation regarding the diminishing access to methyl bromide.
3. *Comment* on the Technical Consultation.

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