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Technical Assistance Work Programme

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Article XI (2) of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) stipulates that the 1. function of the Commission shall be "to promote the full implementation of the objectives of the Convention...". In addition, in Article XX, the contracting parties agree "to promote the provision of technical assistance to contracting parties... either bilaterally or through the appropriate international organisations, with the objective of facilitating the implementation of this Convention."

2. The IPPC Secretariat's interventions are designed to build capacity for implementation of the international standards and the IPPC. This report summarises capacity building activities projected for the coming year 2006-2007. These activities are subject to the availability of funding anticipated from various sources including the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), Regular Programme and IPPC Trust Fund.

a) **Capacity-building workshops**

- One sub-regional workshop for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) on the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, pest risk analysis (PRA) and phytosanitary capacity evaluation.
- Capacity building workshop for potential resource persons and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) consultants to support the technical assistance programme in the field.
- PRA workshop for South East Asia (in collaboration with the FAO Regional • Office for Asia and the Pacific).

Workshops on draft ISPMs b)

As endorsed by ICPM-6 in 2004, the Secretariat will facilitate regional workshops on draft International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures in as many regions as funding H

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will allow. In view of the budget provisions, it may not be possible to provide for more than three workshops.

c) Projects under the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)

- National phytosanitary capacity-building:
 - Gambia, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia, Kyrgyzstan, Syria, Yemen, Panama, Thailand.
- Regional phytosanitary capacity-building:
 - East Africa (Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya)
 - South East Asia
 - Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

d) Projects under Unilateral Trust Funds (UTF)

• Bahrain and Saudi Arabia – general phytosanitary capacity building.

e) International liaison

- World Trade Organization participation in SPS workshops.
- CABI (Africa), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate, University of Nairobi and other stakeholders participate in discussions and actions towards the establishment of a Regional Centre of Excellence in Kenya.

f) Informal Working Group on the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation

The Informal Working Group on the PCE would review the PCE tool, and suggest new components and/or questions, as appropriate, for enhancing the tool.

3. The CPM is invited to:

1. Note and comment on the technical assistance work programme.