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COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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CPM Bureau Rules of Procedures
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1. In 2007, the Second Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-2, 2007) agreed that the Commission Bureau would develop its rules of procedures for adoption at a later Commission Session.
2. In 2008, CPM-3 elected a new CPM Bureau. At its first meeting in June 2008, the CPM Bureau discussed its Rules of Procedure based on a proposal by the CPM Chairperson. The results of these discussions, as well as proposals for Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the CPM Bureau, were submitted to the Tenth Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance (SPTA) for further discussion.
3. In 2009, the Fourth Session of the CPM was invited to comment on and adopt the draft Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the CPM Bureau, but was unable to come to a consensus on adoption of the documents. No further effort had been made to complete work on this issue until 2011.
4. Following discussions at the meeting of the CPM Bureau in October 2011, there was consensus recognition that Rules of Procedure are necessary for more effective Bureau operations. However, Bureau members recognized that a focused effort to draft Rules of Procedure is necessary in order for these Rules of Procedure to be adopted at CPM-8 (2013).
5. With the goal of presenting draft Rules of Procedure for adoption at CPM-8 in 2013, the CPM is invited to:
 - 1) Establish a working group, possibly in association with the June Bureau meeting, to develop Bureau Rules of Procedure taking into account:
 - earlier CPM discussions on this issue
 - other terms of reference as agreed by CPM.

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