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1. At CPM-8 (2013), there was a consensus that there is a need for careful consideration in taking a decision on CPM recommendations. In most cases, CPM recommendations carry the same weight and validity as an ISPM. Nevertheless, there are differing characteristics in a recommendation as opposed to an ISPM and this should be acknowledged. In addition, CPM-8 (2013) also considered it important to provide sufficient advance notice of recommendations in order to allow time to reflect on the proposals and consult with stakeholders before adoption.

2. At CPM-9 (2014), a process for adopting recommendations was established. The process is as follows:

- 1) a contracting party or the Secretariat may propose a topic for a CPM recommendation and present it to the CPM
- 2) the need for a new CPM recommendation should be discussed and agreed in a CPM meeting
- 3) a draft CPM recommendation and the rationale or justification for its need should be circulated for comments for a period of three months following the CPM meeting
- 4) the Secretariat will revise draft CPM recommendations based on comments received, then submit the revised draft to the CPM Bureau for consideration of comments, revision if necessary and recommendation to the CPM for adoption
- 5) the draft CPM recommendation is submitted to the CPM for adoption.

3. Missing in the CPM recommendations process was a set of criteria that could be used to determine the need for establishing a CPM recommendation.

4. The following are the proposed criteria to be considered when reviewing topics for possible future CPM recommendations:

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The proposal:

- 1) is relevant to the ongoing activities of all contracting parties in the area of plant protection, in accordance with and within the context of the IPPC.
 - 2) addresses urgently an area of plant protection for all contracting parties.
5. The CPM is requested to:
- *review and provide comments* on the proposed criteria for CPM recommendations
 - *adopt* the criteria for CPM recommendations. The proposal is 1) relevant to the ongoing activities of all contracting parties in the area of plant protection, in accordance with and within the context of the IPPC and 2) addresses urgently an area of plant protection for all contracting parties.