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Dear NPPOs:

On behalf of the Bureau (governing body of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Commission on Phytosanitary Measures), I am writing to urge your active involvement in supporting increased funding of the IPPC work programme by FAO.

As trade and travel rapidly grow in terms of volume and complexity, the importance of the IPPC's mission to protect plant resources globally from pests also continues to increase. The IPPC has and continues to address many of the global issues such as environment (e.g. invasive alien species), in addition to crop protection, food security, and safe trade. The IPPC's actual and potential roles are expected to increase over the next decade. Recent IPPC efforts to enhance the implementation of the international standards (ISPMs), and advance other promising initiatives (such as the development of a global e-Phyto system) will benefit all member countries as well as other stakeholders around the world.

Although the importance of the IPPC has increased, the FAO has allocated a minimal level of core funding to the IPPC. Nevertheless overall IPPC resource needs, based on the agreed work programme of the CPM, are not being met. Over the past years, some countries have increased their trust fund contributions to the IPPC, but many have had difficulties to do so because their countries also contribute to the FAO in general and they see this as already contributing to the IPPC. A limited budget not only means that activities on the CPM agreed work programme will need to be reduced, but human resource shortages on the IPPC Secretariat have resulted in an overstretched staff and short-term staffing arrangements which does not provide sustainability.

The CPM Bureau considered this issue again in its recent June and October meetings, and agreed to actively encourage IPPC contracting countries to:

- urge and request FAO to increase FAO regular programme budget allocation for the IPPC activities, as well as,
- continue to actively support / provide IPPC trust fund contributions directly from donors and contracting parties

In the coming months, FAO will have several meetings of its governing bodies, where the FAO work plan and budget for the coming biennium (2016~2017) will be discussed, as shown below:

Schedule of FAO meetings

2014	
27-28 October	FAO Finance Committee
3-7 November	FAO Finance Committee and FAO Programme Committee
1-5 December	FAO Council
2015	
9-13 March	FAO Finance Committee and FAO Programme Committee
23-27 March 2015	FAO Council
6-13 June 2015	FAO Conference
2-6 November 2015	FAO Finance Committee and FAO Programme Committee
?? December 2015	FAO Council

For your easy reference, the lists of member countries on the Financial Committee, Programme Committee and Council are available at the following links (subject to changes in June 2015):

Finance Committee Members

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/finance-committee/en/>

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/finance-committee/members/en/>

Programme Committee Members

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/programme-committee/en/>

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/programme-committee/members/en/>

FAO Council Members

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/council/en/>

The CPM Bureau agreed that it is very important for IPPC contracting parties to coordinate with their foreign affairs ministries and departments who represent their countries at FAO to put pressure on FAO to increase the IPPC biennial budget.

These meetings can be used as opportunities to raise our national voices, through the FAO permanent representations and possible delegates from capitals. NPPOs need to ensure the FAO permanent representation or delegates from your countries, support and promote the need for a strong and effective IPPC to guard global plant resources, protect crops, prevent pest spread, and support food security and safe global trade system.

I would appreciate it if you could consider this issue seriously and undertake the relevant national actions to build awareness of the IPPC and get the IPPC on the list of national priorities that needs increased support by FAO.

Sincerely yours,

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