

# PROCEDURE TO BECOME A CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION (IPPC)

## *Ratification and Adherence; Article XVII of the IPPC*

- [1] The purpose of this document is to highlight the processes put in place for adherence of non-signatory states and member organizations of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). This paper outlines actions to be followed by both the government of a country considering adherence and the FAO and also provides a template of the instrument of adherence and steps to be followed by the IPPC upon finalization of the adherence process.
- [2] Article XVII (2) of the International Plant Protection Convention states “as soon as it came into force in accordance with Article XXII in April 1952, it shall be open for adherence by non-signatory states and member organizations of FAO”.
- [3] Accordingly, the government of a country considering adherence to the IPPC, submits its original **Instrument of Adherence** (including original signature and national stamp) on national letterhead to the Director General of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome **Italy**. A model letter for member governments considering adherence to the Convention is attached to this document as **Appendix 1**.
- [4] The Adherence is effected when the request of the adherence (the instrument of adherence) from the country is deposited with the Director General of FAO and the DG notifies the country and ministers (Foreign Affairs and Agriculture) of the date of entry into force.
- [5] The DG will inform each signatory states (contracting parties) of the deposit of this instrument by the said country.
- [6] The instrument will be registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations in conformity with Article 2 of the Regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of United Nations adopted by the General Assembly as at present in force.
- [7] FAO internal procedure will include posting in NPPOs depositary in FAO Legal Page under FAO Treaties Database and informing internal divisions and units including the IPPC Secretariat.
- [8] The IPPC Secretariat updates the Country page in the IPP to change it from non-contracting party to contracting party and posts a news item about the new Contracting party.
- [9] The IPPC Secretariat has a link on top of the NPPOs page (<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/nppos/list-countries/> ) to the FAO legal page with all details of entry into force of countries: <https://www.fao.org/treaties/results/details/en/c/TRE-000013/>
- [10] The IPPC Secretariat will inform the country about its obligations under the Convention including National Reporting Obligations, description of the NPPO, nomination of IPP editor and Official Contact Points and other obligations.
- [11] Additionally and in accordance with **Article XVII (3)**, a member organization of FAO becomes a contracting party to this Convention, the member organization shall, in accordance with the provisions of **Article II paragraph 7** of the FAO Constitution (**distribution of competent**), as appropriate, notify at the time of its adherence such modifications or clarifications to its declaration of competence submitted under **Article II paragraph 5** of the FAO Constitution when applying for membership of this Convention.

## Appendix 1: Model Instrument of Adherence



### Model Instrument of Adherence

The Government of [ **name of country** ] has the honour to refer to the International Plant Protection Convention, done at Rome, Italy, on 6 December 1951, which came into force on 3 April 1952 and was amended in 1979 and 1997, and to inform the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that [ **name of country** ] hereby adheres to the aforesaid Convention pursuant to Article XVII, paragraph 2 and undertakes to abide by its provisions.

[Date]

[Signature by one of the  
following authorities]

- Head of State **or**
- Head of Government **or**
- Minister of Foreign Affairs **or**
- Minister of Department concerned

[ **SEAL** ]



### Modèle d'Instrument d'Adhésion

Le Gouvernement de [ **nom du pays** ] a l'honneur de se référer à la Convention internationale pour la protection des végétaux approuvée à Rome, Italie, le 6 décembre 1951, qui est entrée en vigueur le 3 avril 1952 et amendée en 1979 et 1997, et de faire connaître au Directeur général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture que [ **nom du pays** ] adhère par les présentes à ladite Convention, conformément aux dispositions de l'article XVII, paragraphe 2 de celle-ci, et s'engage formellement à en observer les dispositions.

[Date]

[Signature d'une des autorités suivantes]

- Chef de l'Etat
- Chef du Gouvernement
- Ministre des Affaires étrangères ou
- Ministre concerné

[SCEAU]



### Modelo de Instrumento de adhesión

El Gobierno de [ **nombre del país** ] tiene el honor de referirse a la Convención Internacional de Protección Fitosanitaria aprobada en Roma, Italia, el 6 de diciembre de 1951 que entró en vigor el 3 de abril de 1952 y fue modificada en 1979 y 1997, y de informar al Director General de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación que [ **nombre del país** ] por la presente se adhiere a la mencionada Convención de conformidad con lo establecido en el párrafo 2 de su Artículo XVII y se compromete a cumplir fielmente sus disposiciones.

[Fecha]

[Firma de una de las autoridades siguientes]

- Jefe del Estado
- Jefe del Gobierno
- Ministro de Asuntos Exteriores o
- Ministro interesado

[SELLO OFICIAL]



### نموذج لصك انضمام

تتشرف حكومة [اسم البلد] بالإشارة إلى الاتفاقية الدولية لوقاية النباتات التي تمّ التوقيع عليها في روما، إيطاليا، بتاريخ 6 ديسمبر/ كانون الأول 1951، ودخلت حيّز التنفيذ في 3 أبريل/ نيسان 1952 وعُدّلت في سنة 1979 ومن ثمّ في سنة 1997، وبإبلاغ المدير العام لمنظمة الأغذية والزراعة للأمم المتحدة بأنّ [اسم البلد] ينضمّ إلى هذه الاتفاقية عملاً بالفقرة 2 من المادة السابعة عشرة من الاتفاقية، ويتعهد بالالتزام بأحكامها.

[التاريخ]

[إمضاء واحدة من  
السلطات التالية]

- رئيس الدولة أو
- رئيس الحكومة أو
- وزير الخارجية أو
- الوزير في الوزارة المختصة

[الخاتم]



## Типовой документ о присоединении

Правительство [ **название страны** ] имеет честь сослаться на Международную конвенцию о защите растений, принятую в Риме, Италия, 6 декабря 1951 года, которая вступила в силу 3 апреля 1952 года и в которую были внесены поправки в 1979 и 1997 годах, и информировать Генерального директора Продовольственной и сельскохозяйственной организации Объединенных Наций о том, что [ **название страны** ] настоящим присоединяется к вышеуказанной Конвенции в соответствии с пунктом 2 Статьи XVII и обязуется соблюдать ее положения.

[Дата]

[подпись одного из следующих  
должностных лиц]

- глава государства **или**
- глава правительства **или**
- министр иностранных дел **или**
- министр соответствующего ведомства

[ ПЕЧАТЬ ]