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Collaboration between OIE, Codex Alimentarius Commission and the IPPC

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1. At ICPM-6 in April 2004, the Chairman of the ICPM proposed a closer cooperation between OIE, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the IPPC in order to avoid overlaps or contradictory approaches in regard to common principles laid down in the SPS Agreement. As a follow-up the ICPM Chairman provided a discussion paper to the sixth meeting of the Informal Working Group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance (SPTA).
2. The SPTA took note of the discussion paper and discussed the content. The three standard setting organizations under the SPS Agreement, the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the OIE and the IPPC, are in similar positions in their relation to the SPS Agreement. Decisions by the SPS Committee affect all three sisters equally. Developments in the SPS Committee such as on consistency, equivalence or regionalization have or will have repercussions on the standard setting process and the activities in the three sisters.
3. Based on an initiative and paper by the ICPM Chairman, the SPTA discussed a closer collaboration between the OIE, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the IPPC, and thought that this could help to achieve a more harmonized approach in regard to SPS principles. A closer cooperation may also save resources of the three sisters through the promotion of synergy and the avoidance of overlaps in their activities. The SPTA noted that subjects such as liaison with research and teaching organizations and electronic certification could be of interest to the three sisters as collaborative activities.
4. The SPTA agreed that a closer cooperation between the IPPC, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and OIE is of strategic importance to the IPPC. It recommended a programme for initiating contacts with the OIE and the Codex Alimentarius Commission in order to investigate the disposition of these organizations towards a closer collaboration with the IPPC and possible subjects and procedures for collaborative activities:
 - a) ICPM Bureau initiates contacts with the OIE and Codex Alimentarius
 - b) Meetings as necessary between IPPC, Codex Alimentarius and OIE to identify potential topics and priorities and develop draft procedures for cooperation.

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- c) Adoption by ICPM and the governing bodies of Codex and OIE of the potential topics, priorities and draft procedures.
5. The ICPM is invited to :
- 1. *Consider* the recommendations of the SPTA on a closer collaboration with OIE and Codex Alimentarius
 - 2. *Adopt* the three steps for initiating contacts with the OIE and Codex Alimentarius as shown in paragraph 4 a-c
 - 3. *Request* a report on the progress of this matter at ICPM-8.