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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**CREATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE COORDINATION AND
MONITORING OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

COMMUNICATION FROM BURUNDI

Revision

The following communication, received on 5 March 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Burundi.

1. The Government of Burundi informs Members of the adoption of Decree No. 100/99 of 31 March 2013, relating to the creation, organization, role and operation of the National Committee for the Coordination and Monitoring of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

2. Body responsible: The Chair of the National Committee for the Coordination and Monitoring of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures is held on a yearly rotation basis by the three focal points for the CODEX (Burundian Standardization and Quality Control Bureau (BBN)), the OIE (Animal Health Department) and the IPPC (Plant Protection Department). The objectives and purpose of the Committee are as follows:

- to coordinate the activities relating to sanitary and phytosanitary measures concerning animal health, food safety and plant protection at national level;
- to advise on policies relating to sanitary and phytosanitary measures and to supervise their implementation at national level;
- to facilitate the dissemination of relevant information among all parties involved with sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
- to coordinate prior consultations with all stakeholders in preparing country positions in respect of the international forums that address sanitary and phytosanitary matters;
- to prepare and coordinate sanitary and phytosanitary training programmes at national level;
- to provide a forum for information exchange among focal points (CODEX, OIE, IPPC) and cooperation on SPS notifications;
- to help raise awareness of issues relating to sanitary and phytosanitary measures among all public- and private-sector stakeholders throughout the country; and
- to strengthen the partnership between the public and the private sector (Article 9).

3. The following are the relevant documents and the language(s) in which they are available:

- Constitution of the Republic of Burundi; in French and Kirundi;
- Decree-Law No. 1/033 of 30 June 1993 on plant protection in Burundi, in particular Chapters II and III; in French;
- Law No. 1/13 of 20 June 2001 amending Decree-Law No. 1/17 of 7 May 1992 establishing the Standardization and Quality Control Bureau; in French;
- Decree No. 100/092 of 29 August 2001 on the statutes of the Burundian Standardization and Quality Control Bureau (BBN); in French;
- Law No. 1/28 of 24 December 2009 on health requirements concerning domestic and wild animals, aquaculture species, and bees; in French; and

- Law No. 1/03 of 4 January 2011 on the national standardization, metrology, quality assurance and testing system, in particular Article 3.1 and 3.5; in French.

4. The text of the Decree can be obtained from the national notification authority.
