



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**FOURTH REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT
ON THE APPLICATION OF SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS

Note by the Secretariat¹

The following papers/contributions have been submitted by Members by the deadline of 12 February 2014, with relation to issues they wished to have considered during the Fourth Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures:

Canada (G/SPS/W/271)

Proposal: The Committee should develop a catalogue of instruments available to WTO Members for the management of SPS issues. It is proposed that this catalogue also include mechanisms relevant to the WTO SPS Agreement, e.g. IPPC dispute settlement.

The European Union (G/SPS/W/274)

Proposal: The Committee should review the implementation of the transparency provisions of the SPS Agreement (Article 7 and Annex B), including - where necessary - further developing the "Recommended Procedures for Implementing the Transparency Obligations of the SPS Agreement"².

South Africa

Proposal: The Committee should consider the assessment of risk and determination of the appropriate level of sanitary and phytosanitary protection (Article 5.4 of the SPS Agreement), and in particular the following questions: (1) to what extent do Members take into account the objective of minimising negative trade effects when determining the appropriate level of sanitary or phytosanitary protection? (2) Furthermore, which levers are available to Members when Article 5.4 provisions are being disregarded, especially where historical trade data exists? (No document submitted).

The United States of America (G/SPS/W/275)

Proposal: The Committee should consider organizing a second workshop on decision making and communication during the risk analysis process, which would build upon the workshop held in 2000. The US submission includes a draft agenda for the proposed workshop.

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² G/SPS/7/Rev.3.