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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Submission by Georgia

Addendum

Technical assistance <u>requirements</u>:					
	Information	Training	Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)	Specific concern	Other
Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement	To arrange workshops and seminars at the national level regarding the implementation of the SPS Agreement	Risk analysis, harmonization and transparency according to the SPS Agreement	Hard - Designation of a single central government authority for notification procedures		
Food safety		Consumer and farmers education	Soft - To create national regulatory frameworks		
Animal health		Consumers and farmers education; explanation of implementation issues according to the SPS Agreement	Soft - To develop legislative basis, to reform institutional and structural issues Hard - To support and arrange, testing systems according to the international requirements		
Plant health		Explanation of implementation issues according to the SPS Agreement	Soft – To elaborate standards, rules and recommendations according to the international requirements Hard – To support and arrange testing systems according to the international requirements		Membership of EPPO
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Such information could include, inter alia, a more detailed description of the technical assistance required, any relevant background information on the reasons for the request, the possibility of using a regional approach to the provision of the requested assistance and the scope for a coordinated approach among relevant international organisations.)

1. Rights, obligations and operation of the SPS Agreement:

Information – To understand better, measures provided by the SPS Agreement through conferences, seminars and workshops;

Infrastructure – To provide for local educated staff of technical assistance (computer, fax, copy machine) and with internet connection.

2. Food safety:

Training – To enhance the awareness for consumers is one of the essential issues;

Infrastructure (soft) – To improve legislative basis according to the international standards.

3. Animal health:

Training – To improve consumers and farmers knowledge;

Infrastructure (hard) – To establish and operate testing systems according to the international standards.

4. Plant health:

Training – To explain in details particular aspects of the SPS Agreement such as risk assessment, equivalence, harmonization etc.;

Other – To provide consulting and financial support in the EPPO accession process.