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## Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

### SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF 27-28 JUNE 2007

Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>

Corrigendum

The following paragraph should be added after paragraph 165 of the report:

165*bis*. The representative of Ecuador questioned the real costs and benefits arising from private standards, especially for developing countries. He noted that many countries were still struggling to meet the internationally developed standards and the private standards that set additional requirements served as unjustified barriers to trade. Small producers in Ecuador who had always produced without the use of any agrochemicals now had to pay some US\$3,000 per year to be certified as organic producers, a very high cost for small growers (see also G/SPS/GEN/792).

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