

FAO PROGRAMME FOR PLANT QUARANTINE HARMONIZATION

PROGRESS WITH PEST RISK ANALYSIS

Statement by the IPPC Representative at the Meeting of 29-30 March 1995

1. The *Guidelines for Pest Risk Analysis* standard has been prepared over the last four years by FAO Members and Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs). After being distributed to FAO Members and RPPOs for comment and the consideration of these comments by the Committee of Experts on Phytosanitary Measures (CEPM) and subsequent amendments being made to it, the standard is now entering the approval procedure. The FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG) will be considering the standard on 29 March 1995. If so recommended by COAG, the standard will then go to FAO Council for consideration and FAO Conference for endorsement as an International Standard for phytosanitary measures.

2. The *Guidelines for Pest Risk Analysis* standard is essentially a concept document. It describes the process generally but does not provide a procedure. The FAO hopes to support the Guidelines document with four supplementary standards, background papers to these supplementary standards and technical reference material.

3. The four supplementary standards discuss particular elements of the PRA process:

- Pest categorization
- Pest Risk Assessment: Economic Impact
- Pest Risk Assessment: Probability of Introduction
- Pest Risk Management.

4. These standards in their draft form will be considered by the CEPM in May 1995. If appropriate, they will be distributed to FAO Members for comment. The background papers, which contribute explanatory notes to the standard, will be distributed to FAO Members at the same time. Over the next year, it is intended that technical reference material, including sources of information and expertise, and examples of analyses will be prepared. In all, the Guidelines, supplementary standards and background papers, and technical reference material should provide basic material for National Plant Protection Organizations. Also, this information should act as a resource portfolio for training programmes in Pest Risk Analysis.