



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

**SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY DECLARATION FOR THE
TWELFTH WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE: RESPONDING
TO MODERN SPS CHALLENGES (WT/MIN(22)/27)**

PROPOSED PROCESS FOR THE WORK PROGRAMME: COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT¹

This document includes Members' written inputs on the proposed process for the SPS Declaration Work Programme as outlined in document [G/SPS/W/330](#).²

1 CHINA

1. Regarding the proposed process for the Work Programme, China would like to suggest several modifications to paragraph 2 (including the footnote):

"2. The work will be carried out in the SPS Committee. In between meetings of the SPS Committee, Members and Observers have the possibility to work together in thematic groups, led by (co)stewards, on specific themes identified in paragraph 8 of the SPS Declaration. The (co)stewards will play the role of neutral facilitators of the work in the thematic groups. The thematic groups will be open to all ~~interested~~ Members and interested Observers, who will be able to join any of the groups at any time.² These thematic groups will suggest ideas and/or submit proposals for discussion in the SPS Committee."

Footnote 2: "² Meeting times will be communicated to all ~~interested~~ SPS Committee delegates; work may also take place in writing."

¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

² Members were invited to provide written inputs on document [G/SPS/W/330](#) by the deadline of 16 September 2022.