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### Action Plan on the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

The following submission, dated 12 May 2006, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Yemen.

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| Agreement on the Application of SPS Measures               | Action  | Timeframe for Completion | Remarks                                       |
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| Article 2.2: (Necessity)                                   | - Review and updating: Law No. 32/1999 on Plant Quarantine and its regulations No. 54 /2001 for consistency with the SPS Agreement and the new revised text for IPPC.   | 2008                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
|  | - Review and updating: Law No. 13 /2004 on Animal Wealth and its regulations for consistency with the SPS Agreement and the respective international standards (OIE).   | 2009                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
|  | - Review and updating: Law No. 44/1999 on Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control and its regulations; harmonization with the SPS Agreement and international standards pertaining to the Codex.   | 2008                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
|  | - Updating of food safety regulations in accordance with international standards, guidelines and recommendations.   | 2008                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
|  | - Establishing new plant quarantine stations at customs entry points as well as central phytosanitary laboratories.   | 2007- 2010               | Financial and Technical assistance requested. |
|  | - Establishing veterinary quarantine stations at customs entry points.  | 2007- 2010               | Financial and Technical assistance requested. |
|  | - Establishing food safety laboratories at customs entry points.  | 2007- 2010               | Financial and Technical assistance requested. |
|  | - Supply of laboratory equipment.   | 2010                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
|  | - Training courses for technicians and specialists in order to strengthen human resources (veterinarians, microbiologists, food analysts and inspectors, chemists, epidemiologists, plant pathologists, entomologists etc.), in the following fields:<br>- Sampling and inspection,<br>- Testing methods,<br>- Surveillance,<br>- Certification and accreditation,<br>- Laboratory practices,<br>- Diagnosis and analysis techniques. | 2006 – 2009              | Technical assistance requested.               |
| Article 2.3 and Annex C.1(a) and (d): (Non-discrimination) | - Above-mentioned laws and regulations.   | 2008-2009                | Technical assistance requested.               |
| Article 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4: (Harmonization)                  | - Above-mentioned laws and regulations.   | 2008-2009                | Technical assistance requested.               |
|  | - Participating in the meetings of international SPS-related organizations and their related subsidiary bodies  | Continuous Activity      | Financial assistance requested.               |
|  | - Implementing international standards for sanitary and phytosanitary measures.   | 2006- 2010               | Technical assistance requested.               |
| Article 4: (Equivalence )                                  | - Above-mentioned laws and regulations.   | 2008-2009                | Technical assistance requested.               |

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| Article 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3:<br>(Risk assessment)                          | - Updating pest lists according to pest risk analysis.  | 2007                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
|   | - Updating risk assessment procedures, taking into consideration risk assessment procedures prepared by international organizations.  | 2007                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
|   | - Implementing risk analysis for the control of food products.  | 2008                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
|   | - Implementing Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point(s).   | 2008                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
|   | - Implementing specific technical training programs on SPS measures in particular: (1) plant pest risk analysis; (2) risk assessment for food products; (3) animal diseases risk analysis; (4) surveillance, survey programs and risk assessment systems. | 2007-2009                | Technical assistance requested.               |
|   | - Updating equipment for inspection, sampling, diagnosis and treatments.  | 2007-2009                | Technical assistance requested.               |
| Article 6 and Annexes A.6 and A.7: (Regional conditions)                | - Above-mentioned laws and regulations.   | 2008-2009                | Technical assistance requested.               |
|   | - Establishment of pest or disease free areas and areas of low pest or disease prevalence.  | 2006-2008                | Financial and technical assistance requested. |
|   | - Declaration of pest or disease free areas and areas of low pest or disease prevalence.  | 2009                     | Technical assistance requested.               |
| Article 7 and Annex B:<br>(Enquiry point, Transparency / notification)  | - Above-mentioned laws and regulations.   | 2008-2009                | Technical assistance requested.               |
|   | - Establishment of the SPS Enquiry point and the National Notification Authority.   | Upon accession           | Technical assistance requested.               |
| Article 8 and Annex C:<br>(Control, inspection and approval procedures) | - Supply of laboratory equipment for:<br>- Pesticides residues.<br>- Drug residues.<br>- Additives and contaminants.  | 2006-2009                | Technical assistance requested.               |
|   | - Practical training for the staff on analytical processes for the above mentioned laboratories.  | 2006-2009                |   |
|   | - Practical training for the staff on testing, sampling, risk assessment, packaging and labeling requirements related to safety of foodstuff.   | 2006-2009                |   |

Note: Full implementation would require meeting the above mentioned technical assistance and transitional period.