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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

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Dear Colleagues and Stakeholders,

This year marks the North American Plant Protection Organization's (NAPPO) 40th anniversary. Over the last four decades, NAPPO has served as a regional forum used by government, industry, and non-government organizations to deal with regulated pests that threaten the plant resources of Canada, the United States, and Mexico. NAPPO is recognized by both the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and the North American Free Trade Agreement as the regional plant protection organization (RPPO) for North America, responsible for developing and adopting regional phytosanitary standards and facilitating regional approaches and solutions to plant health issues.

NAPPO is unique in the international plant protection community because it is the only RPPO with close government-industry cooperation, with industry input playing a vital role in the design and implementation of regional plant health standards that promote safe trade. Additionally, NAPPO regional standards have helped shape important international standards developed under the IPPC. Examples include standards for pest risk analysis, pest-free areas, areas of low pest prevalence, and wood packaging, among others. NAPPO's collaboration with other RPPOs and international organizations also contributes to global standard-setting initiatives.

Looking ahead to NAPPO's next 40 years, we are in a solid position to continue to build and expand these successes. In fact, just this year we made a number of significant transitions to better serve our stakeholders. NAPPO hired a new Executive Director, Stephanie Bloem, and saw other personnel transitions. We recently moved our Secretariat Headquarters from Ottawa, Canada, to Raleigh, NC. We are fortunate that the location is on North Carolina State University's Centennial campus in the heart of the Research Triangle, an area that blends the strengths of academia with cutting-edge business. This new location will keep NAPPO close to the innovations in science and technology that play a central role in plant protection today and will do so even more in the future.

Throughout NAPPO's evolution and heading into the future, our core strategic goals remain unchanged:

1. Protect North American plant resources, including natural ecosystems, from the introduction and spread of regulated plant pests;
2. Harmonize plant protection activities designed to facilitate safe trade;
3. Maintain active industry/stakeholder engagement in NAPPO activities;
4. Contribute leadership in the international phytosanitary community (including engagement with the IPPC, RPPOs and other international organizations) and,

5. Promote and maintain the scientific and technical basis of NAPPO plant protection activities and phytosanitary measures.

These core goals are reflected in the enclosed NAPPO 5-year Strategic Plan for 2016 to 2020. The plan details how NAPPO will pursue these goals as it faces key challenges and opportunities over the next five years. These include climate change, differing regulatory frameworks, and changing trade and travel patterns, to name just a few. Working regionally, cooperatively, and transparently, this strategic plan will help NAPPO meet our goals in this challenging and dynamic environment.

Sincerely,

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