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Dr. Bruce Archibald
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Dear Dr. Archibald:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Canadian Seed Trade Association, please accept our congratulations on the election of Marie-Claude Forest as Chair of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures Finance Committee (CPM), which oversees and guides the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

As you know, the Canadian Seed Trade Association (CSTA) brings together 125 member companies engaged in all aspects of seed research, production, and marketing and trade, both domestically and internationally. CSTA members serve the needs of their customers by developing and providing seeds produced through various production methods, including organic, conventional and biotechnology. CSTA members are proud to be vital contributors to our nation's economy and to the health and well-being of Canadian consumers.

The IPPC's goal of protecting the world's plant resources from pests, while also facilitating trade, is important to CSTA and our mission "To Foster Seed Industry Innovation and Trade". According to a July 2014 profile commissioned by the Seed Sector Value Chain Round Table, Canadian seed exports were valued at approximately \$450 million in 2012-2013, and these exports can only grow as new markets are opened to Canada. The appointment of Ms. Forest as Chair of the CPM Finance Committee recognizes Canada's leadership role in the global seed industry and strengthens our participation in IPPC. Most importantly, it demonstrates the government's commitment to being a part of international activities that bring value and growth to Canada's trade and industry.

CSTA is a strong supporter of the IPPC having attended as an observer at the CPM meetings for the past three years where we have been very impressed with Canada's role as a leader and involvement on many committees. As you may suspect we are very hopeful that the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) for Seed is adopted next year at the CPM 12 meeting in Incheon, South Korea.

Again, please accept the congratulations of CSTA members on this important accomplishment.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Horner".

Scott Horner
President

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Cc: Ms. Darlene Blair, Director, Plant Protection Division
Ms. Marie-Claude Forest, National Manager, International Phytosanitary Standards

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