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ERC/20/8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="352 526 1992 688">1. FAO and the ECA Executive Committee welcome comments on the Report of the 41 Session of the European Commission on Agriculture, received from the Members of the Europe and Central Asia region. We appreciate the support expressed in the statements for the organization and outcomes of the 41 Session of ECA, as well as for FAO's work on preventing, anticipating and responding to high-impact plant health in Europe and Central Asia, in light of climate change and the rise of new pests and diseases. All comments and suggestions have been carefully studied, and responses have been provided, as follows.<li data-bbox="352 711 1992 808">2. FAO is committed to continue working with the Members of the region on further enhancement of their capacities in the area of protection of plants from pests, especially taking into account the context of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). The context of IYPH has been present in activities which have been and will be organized in the region by countries and by FAO.<li data-bbox="352 831 1992 889">3. FAO strongly supports and joins the call for the Members of the region to continue efforts under the IYPH 2020 and extend them into 2021.<li data-bbox="352 912 1992 1042">4. FAO welcomes declarations on continued cooperation with FAO, IPPC and Members in the region on the implementation of the "IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030", and on improving regional and global cooperation in plant health and its integration in broader activities related to climate change, invasive alien species, biodiversity and environmental protection, and declare FAO's commitment to being part of that cooperation.<li data-bbox="352 1065 1992 1123">5. The Secretariat notes the suggestion to focus on an in-depth technical topic even more consistently at ECA Sessions. This aspect will be carefully considered during the identification of the main technical themes for the next Sessions.