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Dear Sir/Madam,

On 20 December 2018, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health.

The international year presents an invaluable opportunity to promote and enhance plant health as a vital means to help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect the environment and boost economic development. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UN specialized agency for international efforts to defeat hunger, cordially invites UPU member countries to engage in this global celebration by issuing a commemorative stamp in 2020, an initiative which has already been taken in a number of countries around the world. We are confident that your contribution will enhance the work of the United Nations in advancing its role in building a more sustainable future for all, while highlighting the important link between the environment and philately.

For further information on the international year, please contact Mr Mirko Montuori (mirko.montuori@fao.org) at the FAO, or alternatively visit the website dedicated to this year (www.ippc.int/en/iyp/h/).

The International Year of Plant Health Secretariat sincerely thanks you for your attention, and counts on your collaboration in this important initiative to support the implementation of the UN sustainable development agenda.

Yours faithfully,

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