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Delegations will find in Annex comments from Estonia on the Report on Directive 2009/128/EC.

Estonian comments regarding the Directive 2009/128/EC

With regard to the directive on the sustainable use of pesticides, our comments concern the principles of integrated pest management. We are facing a shortage of plant protection solutions for growing certain crops in the Northern Zone, in particular the lack of systemic insecticides and the growing problem of resistance. In the face of this problem, we need the results of applied scientific research into workable solutions, but the implementation of the principle of integrated pest management is also important.

Thus, a guidance document should be compiled on how the control body monitors compliance with the implementation of the principles of integrated pest management (an assessment guideline for the farmer for self-control and for the control authority to control or assess the implementation of ipm principles). It would also be necessary to provide inspectors with training (zonal) in the control of integrated pest management principles, eg in the form of workshops, best practices.