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ANNEX III

General principles of integrated pest management

- The prevention and/or suppression of harmful organisms should be achieved or supported among other options especially by:
 crop rotation,
 use of adequate cultivation techniques (e.g. stale seedbed technique, sowing dates and densities, under-sowing, conservation tillage, pruning and direct sowing),
 use, where appropriate, of resistant/tolerant cultivars and standard/certified seed and planting material,
 use of balanced fertilisation, liming and irrigation/drainage practices,
- preventing the spreading of harmful organisms by hygiene measures (e.g. by regular cleansing of machinery and equipment),
- protection and enhancement of important beneficial organisms, e.g. by adequate plant protection measures or the utilisation of ecological infrastructures inside and outside production sites.