

## ANNEX III

### **General principles of integrated pest management**

1. 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.