

**Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques  
and DNA-Profiling in Particular****BMT/16/1****Sixteenth Session  
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**DRAFT AGENDA***Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Reports on developments in UPOV concerning biochemical and molecular techniques (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
4. Short presentations on new developments in biochemical and molecular techniques by DUS experts, biochemical and molecular specialists, plant breeders and relevant international organizations (oral reports by participants)
5. Report of work on molecular techniques in relation to DUS examination (papers invited)
6. International guidelines on molecular methodologies including cooperation between OECD, UPOV, ISTA and ISO (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
7. Variety description databases including databases containing molecular data (papers invited)
8. Methods for analysis of molecular data (papers invited)
9. The use of molecular techniques in examining essential derivation<sup>1</sup> (papers invited)
10. The use of molecular techniques in variety identification<sup>1</sup> (papers invited)
11. Review of document UPOV/INF/17 "Guidelines for DNA-Profiling: Molecular Marker Selection and Database Construction ('BMT Guidelines')"
12. Date and place of next session
13. Future program
14. Report of the session (if time permits)
15. Closing of the session

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<sup>1</sup> Breeders-Day, November 8, 2017