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**Eighteenth Ordinary Session  
Geneva, October 17 to 19, 1984**ADDENDUM TO THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
AND THE TECHNICAL WORKING PARTIESprepared by the Office of the Union

1. This addendum gives a short summary of the discussions held during the fifteenth session of the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops which took place from October 9 to 11, 1984.

2. The Technical Working Party held its fifteenth session under the chairmanship of Dr. G.S. Bredell (South Africa) in Valencia, Spain, from October 9 to 11, 1984. On October 8, meetings of several Subgroups took place, in order to expedite discussions at the session on the working papers on Test Guidelines for Avocado, for Mango, for Olive and for Raspberry (revision). The full report on that session will be reproduced in document TWF/XV/15 Prov. During the session, the Working Party completed its work on Test Guidelines for Persimmon and for Strawberry (revision) prior to their submission to the Technical Committee for final adoption, and also on Test Guidelines for Avocado, for Kiwifruit, for Olive and for Quince prior to their submission to the professional organizations for comments. The Working Party furthermore discussed or started a preliminary discussion on working papers on Test Guidelines for Apple (revision), for Chestnut, for Guava, for Mango and for Raspberry (revision) which would, however, require further discussion during its coming session. In addition to the discussions on the preparation of Test Guidelines and their revision, the Working Party discussed several general items and came to the following conclusions:

(i) It asked the expert from France to compare the UPOV Test Guidelines for Vine with the Descriptor List for Grape Vine Varieties and Vitis Species established by the IWO, and to prepare a list of characteristics which would require revision in the UPOV Test Guidelines for Vine to align them with the document of the IWO.

(ii) It agreed to enlarge the list of standard books and documents by correspondence before rediscussing it during its next session.

(iii) It discussed possibilities for improving contacts and cooperation with international bodies working on fruit species. It noted, however, that this would be rather difficult.

(iv) It compared the national technical questionnaires, test reports and variety descriptions and recommended that in future the national offices follow more closely the forms agreed within UPOV. It furthermore recommended to the Technical Committee an amendment of the UPOV Model for a Report on Technical Examination.

(v) It discussed the possibilities of further standardizing the draft Test Guidelines and prepared proposals to be presented to the Technical Committee.

(vi) It discussed the preliminary results of the comparison of different color charts and found that it agreed with the recommendations already made by the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees.

(vii) It agreed to establish for its next session, for the species in its field of competence, a list of diseases affecting the testing as well as a list of diseases for which in cases of centralized testing import restrictions existed and a list of diseases for which the central testing stations check that plant material is disease free before accepting it for DUS tests.

(viii) It noted that it had no additional proposals in its field of competence for presentation to the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs.

3. The Working Party's sixteenth session will be held at Årslev, Denmark, from June 19 to 21, 1985. Some Subgroups will already meet at the same place on June 18, 1985. During that session, the Working Party will rediscuss--with the aim of presenting the documents to the Technical Committee for final adoption--the working papers on Test Guidelines for Avocado, for Kiwifruit, for Olive and for Quince. In addition it will discuss or rediscuss working papers on Test Guidelines for Apple (revision), for Banana, for Blackberry (revision), for Chestnut, for Gooseberry (revision), for Guava, for Macadamia, for Mango and for Raspberry (revision). Moreover, the following items are scheduled for discussion: list of standard books and documents, items for the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs, standard Test Guidelines, minimum distances between varieties, comparison of color charts, sanitary status of plant material sent in for examination.

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