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**DRAFT AGENDA**

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1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Short reports on developments in plant variety protection
  - (a) Reports from members and observers (written reports to be prepared by members and observers)
  - (b) Report on developments within UPOV (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
4. Variety denominations (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
5. TGP documents (documents to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
6. Software, Information and databases
  - (a) UPOV information databases (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
  - (b) Variety description databases (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union and documents invited)
  - (c) Exchange and use of software and equipment (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union and documents invited)
  - (d) Electronic application systems (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union and documents invited)
  - (e) A single tool for DUS computation process (document to be prepared by France)
  - (f) Management of databases (documents invited)
  - (g) Building a database with molecular marker information for the management of variety collections (document to be prepared by Argentina)
  - (h) Document management system for variety files (document to be prepared by Germany)
  - (i) Web services provided by UPOV and members of the Union (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union and France and documents invited)
7. Molecular Techniques (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union, the Netherlands and documents invited)
  - (a) Selection of similar varieties for maize, rice and wheat using a DNA database (document to be prepared by China)
  - (b) Statistical methods and software tools for molecular techniques in DUS examination (documents to be prepared by France, Germany and the United Kingdom and documents invited)
8. Consideration of possible reorganization of document TGP/8 (document to be prepared by China)
9. Survey on approaches for obtaining plant material from breeders and on deciding on varieties whose existence is a matter of common knowledge (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
10. Number of growing cycles in DUS examination (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)

11. Experience with using two locations by one year for DUS decisions (documents to be prepared by France and the Netherlands)
12. Assessing Uniformity by Off-Types on the Basis of More than One Growing Cycle or on the Basis of Sub-Samples (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
  - Risks associated with assessment of uniformity by off-types on the basis of more than one growing cycle (document to be prepared by Germany and the United Kingdom)
13. Data Processing for the Assessment of Distinctness and for Producing Variety Descriptions (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union and documents invited)
  - Draft guidance on data processing for the assessment of distinctness and for producing variety descriptions using different methods (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
14. Statistical methods
  - (a) Statistical methods and software for visually observed characteristics (document to be prepared by France and the United Kingdom and documents invited)
  - (b) The Combined-Over-Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU) (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
15. Image analysis (documents invited)
16. Guidance for drafters of Test Guidelines (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)
17. Date and place of the next session
18. Future program
19. Adoption of the Report on the session (if time permits)
20. Closing of the session

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