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## INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS GENEVA

### **TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR VEGETABLES**

# Preparatory Workshop for the Forty-Third Session Beijing, China, April 19, 2009

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

### prepared by the Office of the Union

- 1. Introduction to the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
- 2. Introduction to the UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs)
- 3. Overview of the General Introduction (document TG/1/3 and TGP documents)
- 4. Guidance on drafting Test Guidelines (document TGP/7)
  - (a) Introduction
  - (b) Guidance on drafting characteristics
  - (c) Method of observation (V/M; G/S)
  - (d) Asterisked, grouping and TQ characteristics
  - (e) Example varieties
  - (f) The process of developing UPOV Test Guidelines
- 5. UPOV databases (UPOV-ROM; GENIE database)
- 6. The UPOV website
- 7. Agenda for the TWV Session
- 8. Feedback from participants

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