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TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR VEGETABLES

**Preparatory Workshop for the Fortieth Session
Guanajuato, Guanajuato State, Mexico, June 11, 2006**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Morning Session: Introduction to UPOV and to the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) according to the UPOV Convention

- 9.00 Opening
- 9.10 Topic 1: Overview of UPOV
- 9.30 Topic 2: Impact of plant breeders' rights
- 10.10 Topic 3: Introduction to the examination of DUS ("DUS testing")
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- 10.40 Coffee break
- 11.00 Topic 4: Characteristics as the basis for DUS testing
- 12.00 Topic 5: Arrangements for DUS testing and cooperation in DUS testing
Part one: general
Part two: experiences of the European Plant Variety Office (EPVO)
- 12.30 Topic 6: DUS Testing for vegetable varieties
- 13.00 Lunch break

Afternoon Session: Introduction to the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV)

- 14.00 Topic 7: Introduction to the work of Technical Working Parties (TWPs)
- 14.15 Topic 8: Drafting of UPOV Test Guidelines (document TGP/7)
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.45 Topic 9: Agenda of the fortieth session of the TWV
- 16.30 Discussion
- 17.00 Closing of the Workshop

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