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REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

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1.   Opening of the Session

2.   Adoption of the agenda

3.   Reports on developments in UPOV concerning biochemical and molecular techniques (documents TC/38/14 – CAJ/45/5, TC/38/14 Add. – CAJ/45/5 Add.)

4.   Report on the work of the Crop Subgroups (oral report by the Chairpersons of the Crop Subgroups; BMT-TWV/Mushroom/1/4, BMT-TWA/Sugarcane/1/4, BMT-TWA/Soybean/1/4)

5.   Short presentations on new developments in biochemical and molecular techniques by DUS experts, biochemical and molecular specialists, and plant breeders (oral reports by participants)

6.   Report of work on molecular techniques on a crop-specific basis (including methods to assess the potential impact on the strength of variety protection) (BMT/8/2, BMT/8/3, BMT/8/4, BMT/8/5, BMT/8/6, BMT/8/7, BMT/8/8, BMT/8/9, BMT/8/19, BMT/8/20, BMT/8/21, BMT/8/22, BMT/8/23, BMT/8/24, BMT/8/25)

7.   Development of guidelines on the availability and suitability of different biochemical and molecular techniques for variety characterization (BMT/8/13)

8.   Review of the costs of molecular techniques (BMT/8/11)

9.   Draft standard protocol to obtain and store molecular marker data (BMT/8/12)

10. Construction and standardization of databases of molecular information of plant varieties (BMT/8/13)

11. Statistical methods for data produced by biochemical and molecular techniques (BMT/8/14, TWC/21/3)

12. The use of molecular techniques in examining essential derivation (BMT/8/15, BMT/8/16, BMT/8/17, BMT/8/18)

13. Proposals for the establishment of new crop subgroups

14. Future program, date and place of the next session

15. Report on the conclusions of the session (if time permits)

16. Closing of the Session

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