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OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND THE TECHNICAL WORKING PARTIESprepared by the Office of the Union

1. This Addendum gives a short summary of discussions held during two recent Technical Working Party sessions.
2. The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops held its thirteenth session under the chairmanship of Dr. G.S. Bredell (South Africa) in Faversham (United Kingdom) from September 29 to October 1, 1982. On September 28 meetings of several Subgroups took place, in order to advance discussions during the session. During the session the Working Party completed its work on first drafts for Test Guidelines for Citrus and for Japanese Plum prior to submission to the Technical Committee for final adoption. Furthermore it started discussing working papers on Test Guidelines for Strawberry (revision) and for Avocado (in a Subgroup), had a general discussion on how to establish Test Guidelines for Apple, Plum and Cherry Rootstocks and completed discussion of the working paper on Test Guidelines for Apple (revision), for presentation to the professional organizations for comments, as soon as discussions have been completed on the inclusion of characteristics or amendments necessary to make the document applicable also to rootstocks and ornamental apples. It also noted the establishing of a universal list of characteristics of the genus *Vitis* by the International Wine and Vine Office (IWO) and the comparison of the UPOV Test Guidelines for Almond with the Descriptor List for Almond prepared by the International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (IBPGR). It expressed the wish that the contacts with other bodies doing similar work be improved.
3. The Working Party's fourteenth session will be held in Rome (Italy) or in Santa Cruz, Tenerife (Spain) from September 21 to 23, 1983. During that session it will rediscuss the working papers on Test Guidelines for Avocado, for Strawberry (revision), for Kiwi Fruit, for Persimmon, for Quince and for Apple Rootstocks and will start discussing a working paper on Test Guidelines for Mango.
4. The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees held its fifteenth session under the chairmanship of Mrs. U. Löscher (Federal Republic of Germany) in Cambridge (United Kingdom) from October 5 to 7, 1982. During the session the Working Party completed its work on drafts for Test Guidelines for African Violet (revision), for Carnation (revision), for Anthurium and for Narcissi prior to submission to the professional organizations for comments. It also started discussing a working paper on Test Guidelines for Chrysanthemum (revision). Time did not permit detailed discussion of working papers on Test Guidelines for Heather, for Christ's Thorn and for Ornamental Apples. In addition the Working Party discussed several general items and came to the following conclusions:

(i) With respect to distinctness, homogeneity and stability in species containing both vegetatively propagated varieties and varieties reproduced by seed, it confirmed that the same homogeneity requirements had to be applied to both groups of varieties. As the expression of certain characteristics of one and the same variety could differ, depending on the propagation method, all comparisons when testing for distinctness would have to be made on vegetatively propagated plant material, even if a variety was normally reproduced by seed.

(ii) With respect to the acceptable number of different types of non-uniformity, it agreed that in future all Test Guidelines should contain in the Technical Notes a paragraph on tolerances. It would first put this into practice for those species which are tested by one member State for all or most of the other member States.

(iii) With respect to the List of Classes for Variety Denominations, it made proposals for amendments.

(iv) With respect to the possibility of establishing a UPOV Color Chart, it proposed a pilot project to be financed by UPOV and to be prepared by experts from the Federal Republic of Germany. For one basic color (red) different color shades towards black, white and grey should be prepared. A Subgroup on Color should then discuss on the basis of this example what differences between the color shades were necessary and whether this principle of preparation of colors was the best for the preparation of a UPOV Color Chart.

(v) The work on the working papers on Test Guidelines for Willow and for Norway Spruce which had started in the Technical Working Party for Forest Trees would be integrated in the normal program of the Working Party and new drafts for these two species would be prepared by a Subgroup which would meet in 1984 in Hanover (Federal Republic of Germany).

5. The Working Party's sixteenth session will be held at Wädenswil or Conthey, Switzerland, from September 27 to 29, 1983. During that session the Working Party will rediscuss the drafts for Test Guidelines for African Violet (revision), for Carnation (revision), for Anthurium and for Narcissi, taking into account the comments received from the professional organizations. It will continue its discussions on working papers on Test Guidelines for Chrysanthemum (revision), for Heather and for Christ's Thorn, will start discussing working papers on Test Guidelines for Freesia (revision), for Cactus (Rhipsalidopsis, Schlumbergera), for Iris (bulbous), for Lagerstroemia and for Juniper, and will discuss adding characteristics or making amendments to the draft Test Guidelines for Apple to make them suitable also for ornamental apple varieties. Furthermore, it will continue to discuss the establishing of a UPOV Color Chart. The Working Party's seventeenth session is planned to take place at Hanover, Federal Republic of Germany, from August 21 to 23, 1984. During that session it is planned to continue the above-mentioned work and to start also discussions on working papers on Test Guidelines for Elatior Begonia (revision), for Streptocarpus (revision) and for Gladiolus.

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