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The purpose of this document is to report on proposals made by the Technical Committee (TC) at its forty-fifth session held in Geneva from March 30 to April 1, 2009, in relation to documents TGP/12/1 Draft 7 “Special Characteristics” and TGP/13/1 Draft 14 “Guidance for New Types and Species”. The proposals are reproduced in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
AT ITS FORTY-FIFTH SESSION HELD IN GENEVA
FROM MARCH 30 TO APRIL 1, 2009
TO DOCUMENTS TGP/12/1 DRAFT 7 “SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS” AND
TGP/13/1 DRAFT 14 “GUIDANCE FOR NEW TYPES AND SPECIES”

TGP/12/1 Draft 7 “*Special Characteristics*”

Title	to read “Guidance on certain physiological characteristics”
1.1.2	first sentence to read “...(e.g. herbicide [resistance tolerance] characteristics)...”
1.2.2.1	to move the section on tolerance above the section on susceptibility and to read as follows: “Tolerance: is the ability of a plant to limit the negative effects of a specified pest or pathogen. Effects could be related to aspects such as yield reduction. ^[footnote] ” ^[footnote] “In many instances, for DUS purposes, tolerance may not be a suitable characteristic because the method required to establish different levels of tolerance requires a method of examination beyond the usual scope of a DUS test in one place in a limited number of replicates.”
1.2.2.2	Definitions of Tolerance and Sensitivity to read “growth, appearance or yield”
2.2.2	to read “Repeated tests and ring tests have shown that, subject to the use of an appropriate protocol (see Section I, 2.2.4.4 [cross ref.]), the consistency and repeatability of the expression of disease resistance for a particular pathotype can be very good.”
2.2.3	third sentence to read “Guidance on the description of qualitative and quantitative disease resistance characteristics is provided in Section I, 2.3 [cross ref.]”
2.2.5	to read “The development of inoculated plants is influenced by the environment and the quality of the inoculum. The inoculation method and the state of development of the plant may cause variation in symptoms developing in the plants within the trial. Such variation should not be assumed to be the result of a lack of uniformity of the variety (see document TGP/10/1, Section 4.6 [cross ref.]”
4.2.1	to read “When herbicide tolerant varieties are treated with herbicide, their level of “tolerance” is manifested by some phenotypic expression(s). Subject to the fulfillment of the requirements for a characteristic to be used in DUS testing (TG/1/3 Section 4.2) these characteristics can be useful in assessing distinctness.”

4.2.2.2	to read “In addition to situations where the glyphosate tolerance relates to the “whole plant”, situations can arise where only particular organs express tolerance. For example, a trait has been developed to allow the pollen of otherwise glyphosate-sensitive cotton varieties to remain viable following the application of the herbicide. The following characteristic is an example of a characteristic developed on the basis of that trait:
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	English	français	Deutsch	español	Example Varieties	Note
(+)	Pollen: viability after glyphosate application					
QL	absent				[...]	1
	present				[...]	9”

4.3.1	to be deleted
4.3.2	to be deleted
4.3.3	to read “...Section I, 1.1.2 and 1.1.4 are met...”
Section II	to add: “4. Examples of protein characteristics derived by using electrophoresis can be found in the Test Guidelines for Barley (document TG/19/10), for Maize (document TG/2/7) and for Wheat (document TG/3/11 + Corr.)”

TGP/13/1 Draft 14 “*Guidance for New Types and Species*”

1.2	to read “As a result of advances in plant breeding, new types of varieties and novel interspecific or intergeneric hybrids continue to be developed.”
2.4.2	first sentence to read “It may be useful to consider information on the breeding origin of the candidate variety to gain further background knowledge about the new species.”
2.4.3	to be deleted
2.6, 3.6, 4.6	to read “Guidance on testing stability is provided in the General Introduction (document TG/1/3).”
3.7	Sentence in square brackets to be deleted
4.5.6	to read “The uniformity standards for hybrids depend on the hybrid system, the type of the hybrid and the genetic variation in the parental lines. It is important to obtain as much information as possible from the breeder about the new type in order to choose the adequate standards.”