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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Thirty-Eighth Session
Geneva, April 15 to 17, 2002

DRAFT AGENDA

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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Revised General Introduction to the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability and the Development of Harmonized Descriptions of New Varieties of Plants (document TC/38/5)
4. Report on relevant matters discussed in the last sessions of the Administrative and Legal Committee, the Consultative Committee and the Council (oral report by the Vice Secretary-General)
5. Progress reports on the work of the Technical Working Parties, including the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT) and the *Ad Hoc* Crop Subgroups on Molecular Techniques (documents TWA/30/20 Prov., TWC/19/13 Prov., TWF/32/20 Prov., TWO/34/21 Prov., TWV/35/18 Prov., BMT/7/19 Prov. and oral reports by the Chairmen)

The session will take place at the headquarters of UPOV (34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva, Switzerland). It will open on April 15, 2002, at 2.30 p.m. and close on April 17, 2002, at 6.00 p.m.

6. Matters arising from the Technical Working Parties (document TC/38/3)
7. Summary of progress in the drafting of TGP documents (document TC/38/7)
8. TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines” (document TC/38/8)
9. Procedure for the development of TGP and other important documents for consideration by the Technical Committee (document TC/38/9)
10. Publication of variety descriptions (document TC/38/10)
11. *Ad Hoc* Subgroup of Technical and Legal Experts on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques (document TC/38/14)
12. Advice from the Administrative and Legal Committee concerning the inclusion of patented methods in UPOV Test Guidelines; status of information provided in the Technical Questionnaire; plant variety identification (document TC/38/11)
13. Issues concerning the use of material submitted for examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (document CAJ/45/7)
14. Review of UPOV information databases and services (document TC/38/6)
15. Proposal for preparatory workshops for the Technical Working Parties (document TC/38/12)
16. Arrangements for DUS Testing (document TC/38/13)
17. Test Guidelines (document TC/38/2)
18. List of species for which practical technical knowledge has been acquired (document TC/38/4)
19. Program for the thirty-ninth session
20. Adoption of the report on the conclusions reached in the session *
21. Closing of the session

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* If time permits.