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**DRAFT TGP DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED
BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

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1. At its thirty-eighth session, held in Geneva from April 15 to 17, 2002, the Technical Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "TC") agreed the timetable for the development of the TGP documents, as summarized in Annex II of document TC/38/7. That document anticipated that document TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines" and certain sections of other TGP documents, particularly TGP/4 "Management of Variety Collections", TGP/9 "Examining Distinctness" and TGP/10 "Examining Uniformity" could be presented to the TC at its thirty-ninth session.

TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines"

2. A draft of document TGP/7 has been prepared for consideration by the TC (document TGP/7 Draft 2). It has been developed from comments made by the Technical Working Parties (TWPs) on the drafts of individual sections of TGP/7 and comments made by the Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC) on a first draft of a complete TGP/7 document as follows:

| <u>Document</u> | <u>Prepared for:</u> |
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| TGP/7.1 Draft 1 “Guidance for Drafters of Test Guidelines” | TWA/31; TWF/33; TWO/35; TWV/36 |
| TGP/7.2 Draft 1 “TG Template” | TWA/31; TWF/33; TWO/35; TWV/36 |
| TGP/7.4 Draft 1 “Procedure for the Introduction and Revision of Test Guidelines” | TWA/31; TWF/33; TWO/35; TWV/36 |
| TGP/7.3.1 Draft 1 “Standardized UPOV Terms and Explanations: Types of Expression of Characteristics” | TWF/33; TWO/35 |
| TGP/7.3.2 Draft 1 “Standardized UPOV Terms and Explanations: Harmonized States of Expression of Characteristics” | TWF/33; TWO/35 |
| TGP/7 Draft 1 “Development of Test Guidelines” | TC-EDC (January 2003) |

3. Document TGP/7 Draft 2 reflects the comments made by the TWPs and the TC-EDC. Sections of document TGP/7 Draft 2, which contain changes to those documents set out in paragraph 2, have been highlighted and a brief explanation of the changes provided in an endnote.

4. It can be seen that there has been a significant amount of redrafting of the original texts to produce document TGP/7 Draft 2. Furthermore, documents TGP/7.3.1 Draft 1 and TGP/7.3.2 Draft 1 were not available for consideration by the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) and the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV). For those reasons, after discussion with the Chairman of the TC and with the TC-EDC, it is proposed that document TGP/7 should not be considered for adoption at this time. Nevertheless, it is proposed that the TC, at its thirty-ninth session, seeks to agree a draft of TGP/7 (i.e. TGP/7 Draft 3). Document TGP/7 Draft 3 would then be presented to all the TWPs with two intentions. Firstly, it would be used as the basis for the development of Test Guidelines by all the TWPs and their experts in 2003 and, secondly, comments on the document would be sought from the TWPs with a view to adopting document TGP/7 at the fortieth session of the TC. Thus, the timetable for the development of document TGP/7 would be:

TGP/7 Draft 2 To be considered at TC/39 (April 2003)

TGP/7 Draft 3 To be considered by the TWPs in 2003

TGP/7 Draft 4 To be reviewed by the TC-EDC (January 2004)

TGP/7 Draft 5 To be considered for adoption at TC/40 (Spring 2004).

Other Draft TGP Documents

5. Certain sections of documents TGP/4, TGP/9 and TGP/10 were discussed by all TWPs at their sessions in 2002. The Office of the Union discussed with the Chairman of the TC the possibility of presenting those sections to the TC at its thirty-ninth session. However, it was considered that discussion of document TGP/7, which had highest priority, would fully occupy the TC at its thirty-ninth session and that discussions by the TWPs in 2003 on further drafts of documents TGP/4, TGP/9 and TGP/10, reflecting the comments made by the TWPs in 2002, would be helpful and would not result in a delay in the adoption of these documents.

6. *The TC is invited to:*

(a) consider document TGP/7 Draft 2 and to agree any amendments to that document for use as the basis for the development of Test Guidelines during 2003/04; and

(b) agree that document TGP/7 should be considered for adoption at the fortieth session of the TC, in Spring 2004, on the basis of the program set out in paragraph 4 of this document.

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