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PREPARATORY WORKSHOPS

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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”) discussed the possibility of holding a preparatory workshop before each Technical Working Party (hereinafter referred to as “the TWP”) meeting, with the aim of helping some of the delegates to participate more actively at the meeting. The TC agreed that the Office of the Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Office”) should seek to organize preparatory workshops for the TWP sessions to be held in 2002 and report the outcome to the TC at its thirty-ninth session in 2003. The purpose of this document is to provide the report requested by the TC.

Background

2. For the TC session in April 2002, the Office prepared a document (document TC/38/12) containing a proposal for a preparatory workshop to be held before the TWP meetings, on the basis that such a workshop might help some of the delegates to participate more actively at the meeting. In particular, it was noted that a preparatory workshop could provide participants with an opportunity to seek clarification of matters on the agenda in a less formal situation and with more time to resolve any language difficulties. The preparatory workshop could also offer the possibility for participants to indicate certain topics where they would like to make a contribution, but would normally feel inhibited by the pace of discussions. There would then be the possibility for the Chairman to ensure that the participant is given a clear opportunity to speak on the issues at the appropriate time. Alternatively, if preferred, contributions to be made at the meeting might be done so through the Chairman or the Office.

3. The document suggested that, for practical and economic reasons, the preparatory workshops would be organized for the Sunday immediately preceding the relevant TWP meeting. Invitations to this preparatory workshop would be sent with the official invitation to the relevant TWP meeting. This session would be organized by the Office but, to ensure the session was most effective, the Chairman of the relevant TWP was to be encouraged to attend. In addition, other experienced participants would be encouraged to attend if they could provide particular help in linguistic or technical matters.

Report on the Preparatory Workshop held in 2002

4. The preparatory workshops were organized in a similar way for each TWP and covered the following items:

1. Introduction to the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) [15 minutes]
2. Introduction to the UPOV Technical Working Parties [15 minutes]
3. Overview of the General Introduction and TGP Documents [15 minutes]
4. Introduction to UPOV Test Guidelines (TG)
 - (a) Procedure for development and approval of TG;
 - (b) Basic features of TG including, in particular:
 - (i) standard wording;
 - (ii) example varieties.
5. Agenda for the TWPM Meeting
6. Feedback from Participants.

5. A preparatory workshop was held prior to each TWP meeting, with the exception of the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC). In the case of the TWC, a workshop on data handling took place the week before the TWC meeting and included the elements in the preparatory workshop.

6. A list of the participants attending the preparatory workshops is presented in the Annex to this document. The participation can be summarized as follows:

	Number of Participants	Comprising
Members of the Union	35	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Germany, Kenya, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom
Observer States/ Authorities	1	Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)
Observer Organizations	8	International Seed Federation (ISF)/Breeders

Feedback

7. The comments received from the participants were favorable in terms of the usefulness of the workshop. With regard to possible improvements, should the workshops be continued in future, the following proposals were made:

(a) circulate copies of the workshop documents and presentations, to the participants, in advance of the workshop;

(b) include an item on how to use the UPOV Website.

8. Despite the relatively short notice of this new activity and extra work involved, the organizers of the TWP meetings made excellent provisions for the workshops including, in some cases, provision of a separate smaller room specifically for the workshop. The relevant chairperson attended each workshop and their presence proved to be a particularly important aspect in the success of the activity. Furthermore, the attendance by a small number of experienced experts also proved to be valuable, particularly where they were able to help with linguistic aspects.

9. The Office would like to express its thanks to the organizers, chairpersons and those experts who agreed to take part in the workshops at the request of the Office.

10. The TC is invited to consider if the preparatory workshops should continue to be held in future and, if so, comment on how they might be improved.

[Annex follows]

PREPARATORY WORKSHOP FOR THE
TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS (TWA)

HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2002

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members

<u>Country</u>	<u>Name</u>
Australia	George PIPERIDIS
Brazil	Álvaro Antônio NUNES VIANA
Brazil	Ariete DUARTE FOLLE (Mrs.)
Brazil	George SIMON
Brazil	Leontino RESENDE TAVIERA
Brazil	Maria Celia SOÜB (Mrs.)
Brazil	Maria Telza ÁVILA BASTOS (Mrs.)
Brazil	Roberto Lorenade BARROSSANTOS
Brazil	Vera Lúcia DOSSANTOS MACHADO (Mrs.)
Denmark	Gerhard DENEKEN
Denmark	Erik LAWÆTZ
Estonia	Pille ARDEL (Mrs.)
Mexico	Aquiles CARBALLO CARBALLO
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Observers

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PREPARATORY WORKSHOP OF THE
TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR FRUIT CROPS (TWF)

HELD IN SAN CARLOS DE BARILLOCHE, ARGENTINA, ON NOVEMBER 24, 2002

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members

<u>Country</u>	<u>Name</u>
Argentina	Marcelo LABARTA
Argentina	M. Fernanda DALMAU (Miss)
Argentina	Guadalupe MONTES (Miss)
Argentina	Alberto BALLESTEROS
Germany	Erik SCHULTE
Kenya	Jackson SHUMA
Mexico	Alejandro F. BARRIENTOS -PRIEGO

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PREPARATORY WORKSHOP FOR THE
TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR ORNAMENTAL PLANTS
AND FOREST TREES (TWO)

HELD IN QUITO, ECUADOR, ON NOVEMBER 17, 2002

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members

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Ecuador	José VILLENACASTILLO
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Office of the Union	Vladimir DERBENSKIY

PREPARATORY WORKSHOP FOR THE
TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR VEGETABLES (TWV)

HELD IN TSUKUBA, JAPAN, ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2002

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members

<u>Country</u>	<u>Name</u>
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