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APPLICATIONS COVERING A NUMBER OF LINES

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1. At the forty-second session of the Technical Committee (TC), held in Geneva, from April 3 to 5, 2006, the Delegation of Colombia proposed to consider the examination of a single application for a plant breeder's right for a variety formed by a combination of different lines (see document TC/42/12 "Report", paragraph 101). The Delegation reported the case of an application for a coffee variety formed by a combination of more than 40 different lines. In response to that request for clarification of how to address a single application for a plant breeder's right for a combination of different lines, the TC agreed that a document should be prepared for consideration at the forty-third session of the TC.

2. The Office of the Union has considered the background to the matter raised at the forty-second session of the TC and has observed that the initial request related to several species, and because of the range of breeding methods and methods of propagation which exist in plant breeding, it has been concluded that it might be more appropriate for a particular case to be considered. Therefore, it is proposed that the matter be considered in relation to a specific crop at the relevant Technical Working Party (TWP) and, in particular, in relation to the relevant Test Guidelines.

3. The TC is invited to agree that examples of specific cases concerning a single application for a plant breeder's right for a combination of different lines should be raised with the relevant TWP, where appropriate in relation to the relevant Test Guidelines.

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