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**HARMONIZATION OF TERMS AND DRAWINGS FOR PLANE SHAPES AND SOLID
SHAPES USED IN THE UPOV TEST GUIDELINES**

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1. In the process of revising the General Introduction to Test Guidelines and the harmonization of states of expression of Test Guidelines, the Technical Working Parties and the Technical Committee discussed the possibilities for obtaining more harmonized terms in the use and definition of shapes mentioned in the UPOV Test Guidelines.
2. The main aim was to either prepare a UPOV document with recommended diagrams or to select an existing publication. For that purpose, the Technical Working Parties agreed to ask all member States to submit to the Office of UPOV the relevant pages of their favored documents for the observation of plane shapes and for solid shapes. On the basis of the collected information, one or two of the existing documents could be chosen as UPOV standard documents for the observation of shapes.
3. The Technical Working Parties and the Technical Committee noted document TWF/29/3 which contains information on some inconsistencies and possible solutions for the use of diagrams and document TC/35/11 with further proposals. The Technical Committee asked the Editorial Committee to further discuss the two documents and come back to its next session with a definite proposal. As a result of discussions held in March and in an *ad hoc* meeting in May the following proposal was made by the Editorial Committee:
 - For shapes in the first instance the diagrams and technical terms as proposed by the "Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)" should be used in the preparation of UPOV Test Guidelines.

- In case the solution proposed by the RHS is not satisfactory, it is recommended to use for plane shapes the diagrams proposed by "Hickey" and for solid shapes the diagrams proposed by "Radford."

4. The above mentioned diagrams and technical terms can be found in the following publications:

RHS: The New Royal Horticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening, 1992, Macmillan Press Ltd., London

Hickey: Hickey, L. J., 1973: Architecture of Dicotyledonous Leaves: American Journal of Botany 60: 17-33

Radford: Radford et al., 1974: Vascular Plant Systematics, Harper and Row Publishers Inc., New York, or

Hortus Third, 1976: L. H. Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University, Macmillan Publishing Company New York, or

Stearn, W. T., 1992: Botanical Latin, Fourth edition, David and Charles Publishers, Newton Abbot, United Kingdom

5. Some examples from the above three proposals (RHS, Hickey, Radford) are given in document TWF/29/3.

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