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ADDENDUM TO THE DOCUMENT ON TEST GUIDELINES
(Item 6 of the Draft Agenda)

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I. Test Guidelines for Adoption

1. As mentioned in paragraph 3 of document TC/XXI/2, it had been left open at the time of writing that document whether the draft Test Guidelines for *Elatior Begonia* could be presented to the Technical Committee for adoption. As several further comments had been made on that draft, it will not yet be presented to the Technical Committee but will be referred back to the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees.

II. General Comments on Test Guidelines

2. In a letter dated October 23, 1985, the Vice-Secretary General of UPOV received the following conclusions drawn by the Committee on Plant Breeders' Rights of the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) at its last session:

"1. Drafts should make it clear whether they are, in fact, draft revisions of guidelines previously issued or whether they are guidelines prepared for the first time."

"2. If they are revisions, then it should be clearly shown where changes have been made from the original."

"3. Within the list of characters included, usually very numerous, it should be clearly indicated which are 'important' in the context of Article 6(1) of the UPOV Convention. We could not accept that everyone of the characters which appear in these guidelines was significant in itself in the distinction of a new variety."

"4. Draft guidelines should also indicate what level of difference in these 'important' characters was necessary before they could be used to indicate distinctness. We are in favour of the extension of minimum distances and this point follows logically from this attitude."

III. Comments or Still Missing Information on Individual Draft Test Guidelines

Draft Test Guidelines for Groundnut (TG/93/2(proj.)):

Additional Example Varieties for:

characteristic 6:	Leaflet: size	small medium	Starr Valencia
characteristic 13:	Pod: prominence of beak	inconspicuous	Valencia
characteristic 14:	Pod: shape of beak	curved	Valencia
characteristic 18:	Kernel: size	small large	Starr Shulamit
characteristic 19:	Kernel: weight per 1000	low medium high	Starr Valencia Shulamit

Draft Test Guidelines for Ling, Scotch Heather (TG/94/2(proj.)):

Additional drawing for Note 2 of characteristic 1.



Draft Test Guidelines for Olive (TG/99/2(proj.)):

Proposal by Mr. B. Bar-Tel (Israel) to change characteristic 24: "Fruit: marbling" with the states "absent, present" into "Fruit: conspicuousness of marbling" with the states "weak (Cornezuelo), medium (Hojiblanca), strong (Santa Catharina)."

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