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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda (this document)
3. Short reports on special developments in plant variety protection in agricultural crops (oral reports by the participants)
4. Important decisions taken during the last sessions of the Technical Working Party, the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC), the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques and DNA Profiling in Particular (BMT), and the Technical Committee
5. New General Introduction to the Assessment of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability in New Varieties of Plants

6. Management of reference collections
 - 6.1 Rules and guidance for management of reference collection (document to be prepared by Australia, France and the United Kingdom)
 - 6.2 Survey on management of reference collection (summary document of the survey to be prepared by Denmark)
7. Process for establishing distinctness (document to be prepared by France and the Netherlands in cooperation with Australia)
8. The introduction of new characteristics and the development of characteristics for new types and species: safeguarding protected varieties and maintaining scope for the development of new varieties (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
9. Relative tolerance for uniformity, comparable varieties (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
10. Breeder testing (document to be prepared by Australia)
11. Definition of technical, botanical and statistical terms used in UPOV documents (document to be prepared by Australia in cooperation with other Technical Working Parties)
12. Final discussions on draft Test Guidelines for
 - Rescue Grass, Alaska Brome-Grass, *Bromus* (TG/180/1(proj.))
 - Cotton (TG/88/4(proj.))
 - Fodder Radish (TG/178/1(proj.))
 - Red Clover (TG/5/5(proj.))
 - Rice (TG/16/5(proj.))
 - Subterranean Clover (TG/170/1(proj.))
 - Swede (TG/89/4(proj.))
 - White Mustard (TG/179/1(proj.))

13. Discussion on working papers on Test Guidelines for:
 - Cocksfoot (TWA/28/3; France to prepare a document)
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 - Field Bean (TG/8/4+Corr., TWV/30/15; Germany to prepare a new document)
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 - Lotus (TWA/27/18, TWA/28/19, Uruguay to prepare a document)
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 - Sugarcane (TWA/27/6, TWA/28/15; Brazil to prepare a document)
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 - Tobacco (TWA/26/9, TWA/28/11; Greece to collect comments and results from a subgroup meeting)
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 - Turnip Rape (TWA/27/13 and 21; Finland to collect comments and results from a subgroup meeting)
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 - Meadow Fescue, Tall Fescue (TWA/28/13; France to prepare a document in cooperation with Germany)
14. Future program, date and place of the next session
15. Closing of the session.

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