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COMMENTS OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR FRUIT CROPS ON THE
DRAFT TEST GUIDELINES FOR COFFEE

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1. At its thirty-sixth session held in Kôfu, Japan, from September 5 to 9, 2005, the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) considered the draft Test Guidelines for Coffee on the basis of document TG/COFFEE(proj.3), as presented by Mrs. Vera Lúcia dos Santos Machado (Brazil). It should be noted that the only change from document TG/COFFEE(proj.3), considered by the TWF, to document TG/COFFEE(proj.3 Rev.), is that the title page shows that the latter is to be considered by the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops and the date has been amended accordingly.
2. The subgroup at the TWF discussed document TG/COFFEE(proj.3), as presented by Mrs. Vera Lúcia dos Santos Machado (Brazil), and agreed the following:

Cover page	the common names Coffee (English), Caf��ier (French), Kaffee (German) and Cafeto (Spanish) to be added for <i>Coffea canephora</i> .
1.	to delete the word "their".

2.3	to read “The minimum quantity of plant material, to be supplied by the applicant, should be: i) Vegetatively propagated varieties: 5 plants; ii) Seed-propagated varieties: 20 plants”
3.3.1	final sentence to read “In particular, it is essential that the plants produce a satisfactory crop of fruit in each of the two growing cycles.”
3.4.1	to read: “3.4.1 For seed-propagated varieties: Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 20 plants” “3.4.2 For vegetatively propagated varieties: Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 5 plants”
3.5	to be checked
4.2	to read: “4.2.2 The assessment of uniformity for seed-propagated varieties should be according to the recommendations for cross-pollinated varieties in the General Introduction.” “4.2.3 For the assessment of uniformity of vegetatively propagated varieties, a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 5 plants, no off-types are allowed.”
6.4.2	to be deleted
Table of Characteristics	Mexico to provide photographs to illustrate characteristics at the thirty-seventh session of the TWF
Char. 1	states to read: cylindrical (1); narrow conic (2); medium conic (3); ellipsoid (4) and obconic (6). State 5 to be checked and consideration to be given to a state “globose”.
Char. 2	to check whether to add example variety “Robusta” for state 7.
Char. 4	states 3 and 7 to read “few” and “many” respectively
Char. 5	to read “Shoot: length of internode” and to be checked. Example varieties “Caturra” and “Typica” to be added for state 3.
Char. 6	to read “Plagiotropic branch: intensity of ramification” and to check if it is necessary to differentiate between primary and secondary branching
Char. 8	state 7 to read “wide”
Char. 9	to be reviewed with illustrations of the existing shapes and other shapes to be provided by Mexico
Char. 10	to read “Young leaf: color” and to check if state 2 is appropriate. (+) to be added with an explanation of the timing of the observation
Chars. 11, 12	to be combined with 1 to 3, or 1 to 9 states, following checking by the leading expert
Char. 13	to check with example varieties or illustrations

3. The TWF decided to re-discuss the Test Guidelines for Coffee at its thirty-seventh session.

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