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ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

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1. At its forty-first session, held from April 4 to 6, 2005, the Technical Committee (TC) approved document TGP/5/1 "Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing". The TC noted that sections 1 to 7 of document TGP/5 represented texts which were contained in the UPOV publication 644(E) "Important Texts and Documents". It observed that some of those texts had been adopted several years ago and would benefit from updating. However, it recognized that those texts represented the adopted UPOV position and also noted that UPOV publication 644(E) was no longer available and that many new members of the Union did not have easy access to those texts. Therefore, it approved Sections 1 to 7 but, in addition, agreed to develop a program for updating of those sections, based on priority, in conjunction with the CAJ and Council, as appropriate.

2. The approval of document TGP/5/1 "Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing" by the TC was also made on the basis that, with regard to Section 10 "Notification of Additional Characteristics", there would be a review of the notification of additional characteristics on the UPOV website after three years of operation.

3. Document TGP/5/1: Section 10/1 "Notification of Additional Characteristics" is published at:

http://www.upov.int/en/publications/tgp/documents/tgp5_section10_1.pdf

and a link is provided on the TWA/35 website.

4. The program for the development of TGP documents agreed by the TC at its forty-second session in April 2006, as set out in the Annex to document TC/42/5, confirms that consideration of the revisions to TGP/5: Sections 1 to 7 and the review of Section 10 will be held in parallel, starting in the TC in 2008.

5. As of May 26, 2006, the Office of the Union had not been notified of any additional characteristics.

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