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## INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS Geneva

## **TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS**

## Preparatory Workshop for the Forty-First Session Angers, France, May 20, 2012

## **REVISED PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

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- 1. Introduction to the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
- 2. Overview of the General Introduction (document TG/1/3 and TGP documents)
- 3. Guidance on drafting Test Guidelines (document TGP/7)
  - (a) Selection of characteristics
  - (b) Guidance on drafting characteristics
    - (i) Types of expression (QL, QN, PQ), notes and distinctness
    - (ii) Method of observation (V/M; G/S)
    - (iii) Asterisked, grouping and TQ characteristics
    - (iv) Example varieties
  - (c) The process for developing UPOV Test Guidelines
- 4. Situation in UPOV Concerning the possible use of Molecular Techniques in the DUS Examination
- 5. UPOV databases (PLUTO Plant Variety Database; GENIE database)
- 6. The UPOV website
- 7. Role of UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs)
- 8. Agenda for the TWA Session
- 9. Feedback from participants

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