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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
- Matters for discussion
3. Development of guidance and information materials (document to be prepared by the Office)
 - number of growing cycles and concluding examination
4. Procedures for DUS examination (presentations invited)
5. Support for drafting national test guidelines (presentations invited on characteristics, approaches or challenges relevant for national test guidelines)
6. Measures to improve support provided for DUS examination
 - Possible Measures on Test Guidelines (TGs) and online tool for drafting TGs (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
7. Technical Questionnaire, section 4.2: “Method of propagating the variety” (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
8. Variety description databases (presentations invited)
9. Image analysis and new technologies in DUS examination (document to be prepared United Kingdom and presentations invited)
10. Molecular techniques in DUS examination (presentations from Italy, the United Kingdom and presentations invited)
11. Confidentiality of molecular information (presentations invited on concrete cases and specific situations, including joint development of molecular markers, managing variety collections and variety identification)
12. Using the COYU-Splines method in DUS examination (presentation from the United Kingdom and presentations invited)
13. Experiences with new types and species (oral reports invited)
14. Experiences and notification of additional characteristics or states of expression (reports invited)
15. Discussion on draft Test Guidelines (Subgroups)
- Full draft Test Guidelines
 - *Fodder Beet (*Beta vulgaris* L. Fodder Beet Group) (Revision) (document TG/150/4(proj.3)) (France to prepare a document)

- *Grain Amaranth (*Amaranthus* L.) (Revision) (document TG/247/2 (proj.2)) (Slovakia to prepare a document)
- *Mung Bean (*Vigna radiata* (L.) R. Wilczek) (Revision) (document TG/VIGNA_RAD (proj.3)) (China to prepare a document)
- *Sugarcane (*Saccharum* L.) (Revision) (document TG/186/2(proj.6)) (Australia to prepare a document)
- White Clover (*Trifolium repens* L.) (document TG/38/7) (United Kingdom to prepare a document)
- White Mustard (*Sinapis alba* L.) (Revision) (TG/179/3) (Germany to prepare a document)

Partial revisions

- Sweet Potato (*Ipomoea batatas* (L.) Lam.) (Partial revision: Adding a new characteristic "Leaf blade: anthocyanin coloration of nectary"; Adding a new shape to "Storage root: shape"; Adding new colors to "Storage root: main color of flesh"; Revision of example variety for char. 23) (document TG/258/1) (Japan to prepare a document)

16. Recommendations on draft Test Guidelines
17. Date and place of the next session
18. Future program
19. Adoption of the Report on the session (if time permits)

Matters for information

20. Reports from members and observers (written reports to be prepared by members and observers)
21. Report on developments in UPOV (general developments, including variety denominations, information databases, exchange and use of software and equipment)
22. Closing of the session

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