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**DRAFT AGENDA**

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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda (this document)
3. Report on subjects of special interest to the Working Party raised during the thirty-third session of the Technical Committee (TC/33/11 Prov.)
4. Questions raised by other Technical Working Parties
5. Report on new developments in member States (oral reports)
6. Handling of visually-assessed characteristics
  - Ways to analyze visually-assessed characteristics (the Netherlands to prepare a paper)
  - Possibilities of using biometry to help in the establishment of guidelines with respect to visually-assessed characteristics
7. Testing of uniformity

- Finding the right population standard and decision rule for different sample sizes (Spain to prepare a paper on balanced  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  risks)
  - Guide to help in finding the right method to be used (draft a paper on the application of COYD/COYU and document TWC/11/16)
8. Sequential analysis (TC/32/6)
  9. Items resulting from the last session of the BMT (report on BMT/4 session, March 11 - 13, 1997)
    - A review of methods for cluster analysis of marker data (BMT/4/7)
    - Similarity, clustering and dendrograms (BMT/4/8)
    - The use of the analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) for distinction studies (BMT/4/9)
  10. Image analysis (report from TWO Subgroup Meeting (TWO/29/17))
  11. Improvement of communication
    - Improvement of statistical documents (Denmark to rewrite document TWC/11/16)
    - Telecommunications, exchangeable software and contacts (the United Kingdom to receive updated information and prepare updated versions)
    - List of statistical documents prepared by the TWC (France to prepare an updated list)
    - List of statistical documents containing recommendations or methods of possible interest to the Technical Working Parties (France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom to prepare a list)
    - Glossary of definitions
    - Results of the run of the COYD program distributed on diskette during the TWC session to check whether national implementations are in concordance with the latest version of DUST
    - Developments in the World Wide Web
  12. Actual uptake/use of COYD/COYU (questionnaire and document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)
  13. Future program, date and place of next session
  14. Closing of the session

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