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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-fourth session of the Technical Committee (revision of TG/1/2)

4. Questions raised by other Technical Working Parties

5. Report on new developments in member States (oral reports)

6. UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database (oral report)

7. Image analysis

8. Testing of distinctness

    (a) Reference variety selection
    (b) Threshold methods
    (c) COYD with incomplete variety by year tables

9.   Handling of visually-assessed characteristics (report from special interest group)

10.   Testing of uniformity (report from special interest group; Spain to prepare a new version of TWC/15/15)

11.   Items resulting from the fourth session of the BMT (report from the special interest group; Belgium to prepare a summary of the systems used and the kind of data received from the different methods)

12.   Incomplete plot design, reduction of reference collection (Denmark to prepare a paper)

13.   Improvement of communication

      –   Telecommunications, exchangeable software and contacts (the United Kingdom to receive updated information and prepare updated versions of documents TWC/15/8, TWC/15/9 and TWC/15/10)

      –   List of statistical documents prepared by the TWC (France to prepare an updated list of documents TWC/15/2 and TWC/15/3)

      –   List of statistical documents containing recommendations or methods of possible interest to the Technical Working Parties

      –   Development of computer programs for DUS testing (responses on DUST9, DUSTW and other possible programs)

      –   Developments in the World Wide Web (the United Kingdom to report on the experience of the E-mail discussion group)

14.   Future program, date and place of next session

15.   Closing of the session

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