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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-fifth session of the Technical Committee
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. Revision of the General Introduction to Test Guidelines
8. Image analysis (report on results of the ring test on roses (Netherlands), image analysis used for electronic measurements (a paper to be prepared by experts from Germany and the Netherlands))

9. Efficient methods of dealing with reference variety selection (the experts from the Netherlands to prepare a paper in cooperation with the experts from the United Kingdom)
10. Threshold methods (the experts from the Netherlands to prepare a paper)
11. Critical assessment of assumptions underlying COYD (the experts from Germany to prepare a paper)
12. Handling of visually-assessed characteristics (summary paper to be prepared by experts from Germany)
13. Items resulting from the fifth session of the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques and DNA Profiling in Particular (BMT) (report by the Chairman)
14. Examination of the number of distinctness of incomplete blocks in DUS trials (the expert from Denmark to prepare a paper)
15. Experiences of using incomplete blocks for the testing of French beans (the expert from Poland to prepare a paper)
16. Questionnaire on VCU tests and data storage (the expert from Poland to prepare a questionnaire to be circulated by UPOV for answers to be sent before the end of the year to Poland for preparation of a document)
17. Telecommunications, exchangeable software and contacts (the United Kingdom to receive updated information and prepare updated versions of documents)
18. Developments in the World Wide Web (the United Kingdom to report on the experience of the E-mail discussion group)
19. Experience with the DUSTW computer program for DUS testing (a paper to be prepared by experts from the United Kingdom)
20. List of statistical documents prepared by the TWC (the United Kingdom to prepare updated lists on the Internet to be downloaded four to six weeks before the session for printing and distribution on paper)
21. List of statistical documents containing recommendations or methods of possible interest to the Technical Working Parties
22. Questionnaire on the use of 'SPECIAL TESTS' in DUS
23. Closing of the session

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