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TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR FRUIT CROPS

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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 TWF session
9. Feedback from participants

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