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Draft Agenda

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1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Matters for discussion
   1. Guidance and information materials (document to be prepared by the Office of the Union)

3.2 Technical Committee subgroup on Test Guidelines (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom)

3.3 Variety description databases including databases containing molecular data (papers invited)

3.4 Software and statistical analysis methods for DUS examination

(a) Statistical tools and methods for DUS examination (papers invited)

(i) The Combined-Over-Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU) (document to be prepared by the United Kingdom and papers invited)

(ii) Comparison of results obtained for COYD and COYU procedures using different software (document to be prepared by France)

(iii) Development of Big Data platform for DUS examination (document to be prepared by China)

(b) Exchange and use of software and equipment (papers invited)

3.5 Phenotyping and image analysis (papers invited)

3.6 Developments in molecular techniques and bioinformatics (papers invited)

(a) Latest developments in molecular techniques and bioinformatics (papers invited)

(b) Cooperation between international organizations (papers invited)

(c) Report of work on molecular techniques in relation to DUS examination (papers invited)

(d) Methods for analysis of molecular data, management of databases and exchange of data and material (papers invited)

(e) Confidentiality, ownership and access to molecular data, including model agreement template (papers invited)

- Examples of policies on confidentiality and access to molecular information data (papers invited)

(f) The use of molecular techniques in examining essential derivation (papers invited)

(g) The use of molecular techniques in variety identification (papers invited)

(h) The use of molecular techniques for enforcement (papers invited)

1. Matters for information

(a) Reports from members and observers (written reports to be prepared by members and observers)

(b) Report on developments in UPOV (general developments, including variety denominations, information databases, exchange and use of software and equipment)

1. Date and place of the next session
2. Future program
3. Adoption of the report on the session (if time permits)
4. Closing of the session

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