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REVISION OF TEST GUIDELINES FOR WILLOW

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1. The revised Test Guidelines for Willow (document TG/72/5) were adopted by the Technical Committee (TC) in April 2003. No proposals were made for a further revision of the Test Guidelines at the thirty-seventh session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), held in Hanover, Germany, from July 12 to 16, 2004. However, after that TWO session, the leading expert, Ms. Andrea Menne (Germany), became aware that some of the example varieties in the Table of Characteristics were inappropriate and proposed that the Test Guidelines should be amended at the earliest opportunity.

2. After consultation with Mr. Chris Barnaby, Chairman of the TWO, it was agreed that the TC should be invited to agree that the TWO consider a revision to the Test Guidelines for Willow at its thirty-eighth session, to be held in Seoul, from September 12 to 16, 2005. In that respect it is recalled that, whilst most Test Guidelines are commissioned by the TC on the basis of proposals from a Technical Working Party, proposals for the commissioning of work by the TC can be made directly to the Technical Committee by a member of the Union (see document TGP/7 Section 2.2.1). On that basis, the TC agreed to the proposal by the leading expert for the TWO to consider a revision of the Test Guidelines for Willow at its thirty-eighth session.

3. It is proposed that, in addition to considering amendments to the example varieties in the Table of Characteristics, the Test Guidelines for Willow should be updated to incorporate the standard wording as contained in document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”, which has been adopted by the TC since document TG/72/5 was adopted.

4. In summary, the draft Test Guidelines for Willow (document TG/72/6(proj.1)), to be considered by the TWO at its thirty-eighth session, present the changes to the example varieties in the Table of Characteristics proposed by the Leading Expert and the necessary amendments to the standard wording to bring the document in line with document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”. In the case of the example varieties, all changes are shown with highlighting.

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