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PART II: TECHNIQUES USED IN DUS EXAMINATION
New Section: Methods for Data Processing for the Assessment of Distinctness and for Producing Variety Descriptions

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BACKGROUND

1. The Technical Committee (TC), at its forty-eighth session, held in Geneva from March 26 to 28, 2012, considered Annex III in conjunction with Annex VIII of document TC/48/19 Rev. It agreed that the information provided in Annex VIII and at the UPOV DUS Seminar, held in Geneva in March 2010, together with the method provided by Japan and the method used in France for producing variety descriptions for herbage crops, as presented at the TWC, provided a very important first step in developing common guidance on data processing for the assessment of distinctness and for producing variety descriptions, but concluded that the information as presented in Annex VIII would not be appropriate for inclusion in document TGP/8. It agreed that the Office of the Union should summarize the different approaches set out in Annex VIII with regard to aspects in common and aspects where there was divergence. As a next step, on the basis of that summary, consideration could be given to developing general guidance. The TC agreed that the section should include examples to cover the range of variation of characteristics. It further agreed that the detailed information on the methods, as presented in Annex VIII, should be made available via the UPOV website, with references in document TGP/8 (see document TC/48/22 “Report on Conclusions” paragraph 52).

2. A summary of different approaches used for data processing for the assessment of distinctness and for producing variety descriptions will be presented by the Office of Union at the forty-fifth session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees.

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