

Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees**TWO/51/Prep/1 Rev.****Fifty-First Session****Christchurch, New Zealand, February 17, 2019****Original:** English**Date:** December 14, 2018

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1. Introduction to UPOV and the role of UPOV Technical Working Parties (TWPs)
2. Overview of the General Introduction (document TG/1/3 and TGP documents)
 - Characteristics as the basis for DUS examination and selection of characteristics
3. Use of molecular techniques in DUS examination
4. Guidance on drafting Test Guidelines (document TGP/7)
 - (a) Subject of the Test Guidelines, material required and method of examination
 - (b) Method of observation (MS, MG, VS, VG)
 - (c) Types of expression (QL, PQ, QN), notes and distinctness
 - (d) Shape and color characteristics
 - (e) Example varieties
 - (f) The process for developing UPOV Test Guidelines, including:
 - (i) TG Template;
 - (ii) Role of the leading expert;
 - (iii) How to participate as an interested expert;
 - (iv) Adoption of Test Guidelines by correspondence
5. Agenda for the TWP Session
6. Feedback from participants

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