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**CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE AD HOC CROP SUBGROUPS
ON MOLECULAR TECHNIQUES**

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1. At its thirty -eighth session, held in Geneva from April 15 to 17, 2002, the Technical Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the TC") agreed to the establishment of new Crop Subgroups for Mushroom, Potato, Soybean and Sugarcane. These Crop Subgroups were to meet in association with the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (hereinafter referred to as "the TWA") , in the case of Potato, Soybean and Sugarcane, and the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (hereinafter referred to as "the TWV"), in the case of Mushroom. However, it was recognized that a Chairperson for each of these Crop Subgroups would need to be established in advance of their first meetings and that this would be before the Chairpersons could be nominated by the relevant Technical Working Party (hereinafter referred to as "the TWP") and agreed by the TC. Therefore, the TC agreed that interim Chairpersons of the new Crop Subgroups should be agreed between the Chairman of the TC and the Chairperson of the relevant TWP and that these positions should then be considered for approval by the TC at its meeting in Spring 2003.

2. At its thirty -first session, held in Rio de Janeiro from September 23 to 27, 20 02, the TWA expressed its approval for the interim Chairpersons of the Crop Subgroups, which had been agreed between the Chairman of the TC and the Chairperson of the TWA, as follows:

Potato	Beate Rucker (Mrs.) (Germany)
Soybean	Marcelo Labarta (Argentina)
Sugarcane	Luis Salaices (Spain).

3. At its thirty -sixth session, held in Tsukuba, Japan, from September 9 to 13, 2002, the TWV expressed its approval for the interim Chairman of the Crop Subgroup, which had been agreed between the Chairman of the TC and the Chairperson of the TWV, as follows:

Mushroom	Nicovan Marrewijk (Netherlands).
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4. The TC is invited to consider the proposals for Chairpersons of the Crop Subgroups for Mushroom, Potato, Soybean and Sugarcane, as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3.

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