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of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability and the  
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**“GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL, BOTANICAL AND STATISTICAL TERMS  
USED IN UPOV DOCUMENTS”**

**Section 2: Botanical Terms:  
Subsection 1: Introduction**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this document (TGP/14 Section 2: Botanical Terms) is:

(a) to provide guidance on the development of characteristics related to plant shapes, plant structures and color;

(b) to provide standard illustrations of plant shapes, plant structures and color patterns which may be useful for inclusion in Test Guidelines, whilst noting that illustrations for specific characteristics can be found in the relevant Test Guidelines and noting that searches for relevant individual characteristics can be made through TGP/7 “Collection of Approved Characteristics”; and

(c) to provide definitions of botanical terms (e.g. dentate, fastigate, exserted, elliptic, acute, etc.) which form states of expression for characteristics used in the examination of DUS. Emphasis is placed on the states of expression because those are the basis for the assessment of DUS and, therefore, need to be understood specifically in relation to that function. This document provides illustrations and definitions of some terms which, although not used in the Test Guidelines, may be useful for breeders / applicants for characteristics formulated for use in the Technical Questionnaire. The definitions in this document provide an indication of whether terms are generally used in Test Guidelines, or whether alternative terms might be more appropriate for use in Test Guidelines. In general, the meaning of botanical terms which are used in the Test Guidelines to indicate the relevant part of the plant to be examined, but which are not themselves used as states of expression (e.g. bract, petal, berry, etc.), do not require a UPOV-specific definition and are not included in this document.

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