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TGP DOCUMENTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of proposals concerning possible future revisions of TGP documents.

2. The TC-EDC is invited to note:

(a) the matters for possible future revision of TGP documents considered by the TWPs at their sessions in 2016, as set out in paragraph 6 of this document;

(b) the new proposals for future revisions of TGP documents, as set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 of this document;

(c) that no TGP documents are expected to be put forward for adoption by the Council in 2017 requiring editorial or linguistic checking by the TC-EDC;

(d) the program for the development of TGP documents, as set out in the Annex to this document.

3. The following abbreviations are used in this document:

CAJ:	Administrative and Legal Committee
TC:	Technical Committee
TC-EDC:	Enlarged Editorial Committee
TWA:	Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops
TWC:	Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs
TWF:	Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops
TWO:	Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees
TWV:	Technical Working Party for Vegetables
TWPs:	Technical Working Parties

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I. BACKGROUND

5. The approved TGP documents are published on the UPOV website at http://www.upov.int/upov_collection/en/.

II. POSSIBLE FUTURE REVISIONS OF TGP DOCUMENTS

6. The TC, at its fifty-second session, agreed that the following matters for possible future revision of TGP documents should be considered by the TWPs at their sessions in 2016 (see document TC/52/29 Rev. “Revised Report”, paragraphs 96 to 121):

TGP/7: Development of Test Guidelines

(i) *Drafter’s Kit for Test Guidelines*

TGP/8: Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability

(ii) *The Combined-Over-Years Uniformity Criterion (COYU)*

(iii) *New Section: Examining DUS in Bulk Samples*

(iv) *New Section: Data Processing for the Assessment of Distinctness and for Producing Variety Descriptions*

TGP/10: Examining uniformity

(v) *New section: Assessing Uniformity by Off-Types on Basis of More than One Growing Cycle or on the Basis of Sub-Samples*

III. NEW PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE REVISIONS OF TGP DOCUMENTS

TGP/7: Development of Test Guidelines

Duration of DUS tests in the fruit sector

7. The TC, at its fifty-second session, agreed to consider whether to seek to amend the guidance in document TGP/7 on the duration of DUS testing for fruit crops after further discussions by the TWF, at its session in 2016. In that regard, it requested the TWF to review whether the existing guidance in TGP documents precluded the conclusion of a DUS examination after one growing cycle (see document TC/52/29 Rev. “Revised Report”, paragraph 122).

TGP/14: Glossary of Terms Used in UPOV Documents

Definition of "recurved"

8. The TC, at its fifty-second session, noted the plans of the TWF to consider whether to propose to revise the definition of "recurved" in document TGP/14.

IV. PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TGP DOCUMENTS

9. The Annex to this document presents the program for the development of TGP documents as agreed by the TC, as its fifty-second session, and the CAJ, at its seventy-third session (see document TC/52/29 Rev. "Revised Report", paragraphs 124 and 125, and document CAJ/73/10 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 53, respectively).

10. In accordance with the program for the development of TGP documents, there are no matters anticipated to be put forward by the TC for adoption by the Council in 2017 which would require editorial or linguistic checking by the TC-EDC.

11. *The TC-EDC is invited to note:*

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(d) the program for the development of TGP documents, as set out in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

PROGRAM FOR TGP DOCUMENTS

	Title of document	Current approved documents	2017					2018					2019					
			TC-EDC	TC/53	TWPs	CAJ/74	C/51	TC-EDC	TC/54	TWPs	CAJ/75	C/52	TC-EDC	TC/55	TWPs	CAJ/76	C/53	
TGP/0	List of TGP Documents and Latest Issue Dates	TGP/0/9 ADOPTED																TGP/0/10 Adopt
TGP/1	General Introduction with Explanations	-																
TGP/2	List of Test Guidelines Adopted by UPOV	TGP/2/2 ADOPTED																
TGP/3	Varieties of Common Knowledge	C(Extr.)/19/2 Rev.																
TGP/4	Constitution and Maintenance of Variety Collections	TGP/4/1 ADOPTED																
TGP/5	Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing	ADOPTED																
TGP/6	Arrangements for DUS Testing	ADOPTED																
TGP/7	Development of Test Guidelines	TGP/7/4 ADOPTED																
	Drafter's Kit for Test Guidelines (Drafter: Office of the Union)			TC/53/xx	TWP/[xx]/x			x	x	x								TGP/7/6 Adopt
TGP/8	Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability	TGP/8/2 ADOPTED																
	Method of Calculation of COYU (Drafter: Adrian Roberts (GB))			TC/53/xx	TWP/[xx]/x			x	x	x								TGP/8/4 Adopt
	Examining DUS in Bulk Samples (Drafter: Office of the Union)			TC/53/xx	TWP/[xx]/x			x	x	x								TGP/8/4 Adopt
	Data Processing for the Assessment of Distinctness and for Producing Variety Descriptions (Drafter: Office of the Union)			TC/53/xx	TWP/[xx]/x			x	x	x								TGP/8/4 Adopt
TGP/9	Examining Distinctness	TGP/9/2 ADOPTED																
TGP/10	Examining Uniformity	TGP/10/1 ADOPTED																
	Assessing Uniformity by Off-types on the Basis of More than One Growing Cycle or on the Basis of Sub-Samples (Drafter: Office of the Union)			TC/53/xx	TWP/[xx]/x			x	x	x								TGP/10/2 Adopt
TGP/11	Examining Stability	TGP/11/1 ADOPTED																
TGP/12	Guidance on Certain Physiological Characteristics	TGP/12/2 ADOPTED																
TGP/13	Guidance for New Types and Species	TGP/13/1 ADOPTED																
TGP/14	Glossary of Terms Used in UPOV Documents	TGP/14/3 ADOPTED																
TGP/15	Guidance on the Use of Biochemical and Molecular Markers in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS)	TGP/15/1 ADOPTED																

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