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Seventeenth Session

Geneva, October 14 to 16, 1981

DRAFT AGENDA

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1. Opening of the session by the Chairman
2. Adoption of the agenda (this document)
3. List of classes for variety denominations (joint discussion with the Administrative and Legal Committee)
4. Adoption of the report of the sixteenth session (document TC/XVI/6)
5. Progress reports by the Chairmen of the Technical Working Parties (documents TW/43, TW/44, TW/45 and TW/46)
6. Importance of characteristics and minimum distances in the testing of distinctness, homogeneity and stability
 - (i) Characteristics observed by sophisticated methods
 - (ii) Characteristics of resistance to pests and diseases
 - (iii) Color characteristics
 - (iv) Minimum distances between varieties
7. Characteristics and UPOV Test Guidelines (document TC/XVII/3)
 - (i) Characteristics used by member States but not included in the UPOV Test Guidelines
 - (ii) Characteristics included in the UPOV Test Guidelines but not used by member States
8. Secondary off-types
9. Reference collections of varieties that can only be maintained with difficulty or at high cost

The session will be held at the headquarters of UPOV (34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva, Switzerland). Item 3 of the agenda will be discussed at the meeting of the Administrative and Legal Committee starting on Wednesday, October 14, at 9.30 a.m., to which the Technical Committee is invited. The Technical Committee session proper will start later on October 14, 1981, immediately after the closing of the eighth session of the Administrative and Legal Committee.

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10. Test Guidelines (document TC/XVII/2)
11. Lists of varieties under test
12. Working procedure of the Technical Working Parties
13. Consultation of professional organizations
14. Training courses for non-member States
15. Exchange of personnel between the Offices of member States
16. Program for the eighteenth session
17. Any other business
18. Closing of the session

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