

Consultative Committee

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ORGANIZATION OF THE UPOV SESSIONS

Addendum

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1. As provided in document CC/93/6 "Organization of the UPOV sessions" (paragraph 10), this addendum provides for the views of the Technical Committee (TC), at its fifty-third session, held on April 3 to 5, 2017, on the proposal to organize a single set of sessions from 2018.

2. The TC agreed as follows (see document TC/53/31 "Report", paragraphs 8 to 11):

"8. The TC agreed that the TC sessions could be organized on a suitable date in the period from late October to early December.

"9. The TC agreed to propose that Test Guidelines that could not be prepared in time for adoption by the Technical Committee at its session could be adopted by correspondence on the basis of the recommendations by the Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC). The TC agreed that the TC-EDC should meet twice a year, once in the period March/April and once in conjunction with the TC sessions later in the year.

"10. The TC agreed to use the following contingency measures for 2018, subject to the Council deciding that the TC should hold its fifty-fourth session in late 2018:

- (a) For Test Guidelines proposed for adoption in 2018, to use a procedure for adoption by correspondence as follows:
 - Draft Test Guidelines would be prepared as agreed by the TWPs and circulated with the recommendations of the TC-EDC;
 - In the absence of any objections the Test Guidelines would be adopted;
 - In the case of objections, the objections would be referred to the relevant TWP for consideration at their 2018 session, and the Test Guidelines considered for adoption by the TC at its fifty-fourth session, in 2018;
 - TC-EDC to meet on March 26 and 27, 2018, and in conjunction with the TC at its fifty-fourth session, in 2018, if necessary.
- (b) For TGP documents, to invite the TC-EDC to consolidate comments made by the TWPs at their sessions in 2017 and, in the absence of consensus between the TWPs, formulate proposals for further consideration by the TWPs at their sessions in 2018;
- (c) All other matters to be considered at the fifty-fourth session of the TC in 2018 in the normal way.

"11. The TC agreed that the scheduling of *ad hoc* Working Group meetings in the period March/April could defeat the purpose of moving to a single set of sessions, because it would require experts to travel to Geneva. However, it agreed that if electronic participation was possible, such as was the case for the EAF meetings, meetings at that time could be an efficient approach."

3. *The Consultative Committee is invited to note the contents of this document.*

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