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REVISION OF DOCUMENT TGP/8: PART II: TECHNIQUES USED IN DUS EXAMINATION, NEW SECTION: STATISTICAL METHODS FOR VERY SMALL SAMPLE SIZES

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1. The Technical Committee (TC), at its forty-eighth session, held in Geneva from March 26 to 28, 2012, considered a proposal for a New Section after Section COYU: "Statistical Methods for Very Small Sample Sizes", on the basis of document TC/48/19 Rev. "Revision of Document TGP/8 'Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability'", Annex V. The TC agreed that realistic examples should be included in the document, based on actual cases. If no such cases could be provided, the section should be deleted. The TC noted that the experts of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO) from the United Kingdom would need to provide an example by April 26, 2012, in order that the section could be included in the draft to be considered by the Technical Working Parties (TWPs) at their sessions in 2012 (see document TC/48/22 "Report on Conclusions", paragraph 54).

2. In that regard, the Office of the Union was informed by Mr. Gerie van der Heijden (Netherlands) that the TWO experts could not provide any suitable examples and, on that basis, no document on "Statistical Methods for Very Small Sample Sizes" was prepared for consideration by the TWPs, at their sessions in 2012.

3. In accordance with the conclusion of the TC, at its forty-eighth session, it is proposed not to seek to develop a section in document TGP/8 on statistical methods for very small sample sizes.

4. The TC is invited to agree on the deletion of the proposed new section: "Statistical Methods for Very Small Sample Sizes" in document TGP/8, as set out in paragraph 3 of this document.

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