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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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**BACKGROUND**

1. The Technical Committee (TC), at its forty-eighth session, held in Geneva from March 26 to 28, 2012, considered the proposal for 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 United Kingdom TWO experts 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 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 recent 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.

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