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Oral decision of 5 September 2018 of the Examination Appeals Board of Leiden University in the matter between:

[naam], appellant

and

The Board of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, respondent

Present:

O. van Loon, LL.M., Chair

Dr A.M. Rademaker

Dr K. Beerden,

L.N. Kluinhaar LLB

Z.I. de Vos (Members)

M.S.C.M. Stoop - van de Loo, LL.M., Secretary

[naam], Admissions Officer, diploma assessment, and [naam], Member of the BSc Admissions Office

The appellant did not appear at the hearing, and did not give notice of absence.

The course of the proceedings:

The respondent rejected the application by the appellant to be admitted to the Bachelor's Programme in Political Science, with a specialisation in International Relations and Organisations ("bachelor's programme") in its decision of 18 June 2018.

The appellant sent a letter to the Examination Appeals Board on 1 July 2018, which was received on 17 July 2018, lodging an administrative appeal against this decision.

The Parties tried to reach an amicable settlement on 23 August 2018. However, this did not result in the appeal being withdrawn.

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The respondent submitted a letter of defence on 27 August 2018.

Considerations:

Article 7.24 of the Higher Education and Academic Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek, WHW*) stipulates:

1 Without prejudice to the third paragraph, the following apply as educational entry requirements for a programme in academic education:

- a. a diploma of pre-university education, as referred to in Article 7 of the Secondary Education Act (*Wet op het voortgezet onderwijs*), or
- b. a diploma of pre-university education, as referred to in Article 13, paragraph one, of the BES-Islands Secondary Education Act (*Wet op het voortgezet onderwijs BES-eilanden*).

The respondent explained in the letter of defence and at the hearing that and why the appellant does not meet the admission requirements based on her secondary school diploma. The secondary school diploma that was awarded to the appellant does not match the level of pre-university education. The respondent has determined that the previous education of the appellant equates to the level of senior general secondary education. Her knowledge of mathematics in particular is below the required level.

The Examination Appeals Board holds that the respondent has reached the contested decision in a justified manner and on proper grounds. The Examination Appeals Board endorses the respondent's position that the secondary education that the appellant attended is not equal to a diploma of pre-university education and, consequently, that the appellant does not qualify for admission to the bachelor's programme pursuant to Article 7.24 of the WHW.

Decision:

The Examination Appeals Board holds the appellant's appeal unfounded.

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This official report of the deliberations has been drawn up, and has been signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

O. van Loon, LL.M.,
Chair

M.S.C.M. Stoop - van de Loo, LL.M.,
Secretary

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