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| **Abstract:** | This contribution proposes a revision of clause 3.1.6 and clarifies what restrictions the ITU assumes when material submitted as contributions to the work of ITU‑T are distributed. |

**Background**

During WTSA-16 when the United States proposed changes to A.1, A.13, and Resolution 1, the chair decided due to the lack of meeting time and because ITU-T Recommendations could be revised at TSAG, that discussions on A.1 and A.13 could be held at the first TSAG meeting after WTSA-16. As a result, the United States proposed revisions to A.1 and A.13 at the 14 November 2017 meeting of the TSAG Rapporteur Group on Working Method (RG-WM). In an attempt to improve clarity and specificity regarding ownership and copyright responsibilities of the materials submitted by the contributor, the United States also had proposed revisions to clause 3.1.6 in A.1. However, after further discussion with TSB, it was agreed the text in clause 3.1.6 needed clarity in so far as specifying that the authors of contributions have the rights to the content submitted and to submit those rights to the ITU. The U.S. agreed to consult with the Legal Advisor to identify a proper reference in ITU documents (if any) and to improve the text in clause 3.1.6. The United States thereby, submits the following revisions to clause 3.1.6 to Recommendation A.1.

**Proposal**

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