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| **Abstract:** | TSAG acknowledges excellent collaboration and cooperation between ISO/IEC JTC 1 and ITU-T through the assistance of the liaison officers. TSAG informs on nomination of a new liaison officer from ITU-T to ISO/IEC JTC 1. TSAG informs on Rapporteur Group on Standardization Strategy. |

The Telecommunication Standardization Advisor Group (TSAG) is pleased to acknowledge excellent collaboration and cooperation between ISO/IEC JTC 1 and ITU-T through the assistance of the liaison officers (Mr Jim Macfie, and Mr Olivier Dubuisson) in the past.

We are pleased to inform you that we nominated Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as new liaison officer from ITU-T to ISO/IEC JTC 1 and are looking forward to continued cooperation with you.

We also recognized the establishment of the JTC 1 Advisory Group (JAG) on emerging technology and innovation which is of interest to us.

In this regard, we are pleased to inform you about the TSAG Rapporteur Group on Standardization Strategy (RG-StdsStrat) which has started its work in formulating standardization strategies for the Telecommunication Sector of ITU. We attached the terms of reference of this Rapporteur Group in Annex A for your information, and we are interested to engage in a dialogue with you on matters of strategic relevance to standardization.

We are looking forward to continued fruitful cooperation with you.

**Annex A – Terms of References of TSAG Rapporteur Group on Standardization Strategy (RG-StdsStrat)** (ref. [TSAG R 7](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T13-TSAG-R-0007))

**General**

In order to address the need for a strategic coordination function under the ITU-T, a function of standardization strategy is established as follows:

a. The creation of a Rapporteur Group of TSAG, to be named the "Rapporteur Group on Standardization Strategy" (RG-StdsStrat)

b. The new TSAG RG-StdsStrat should attract intensive industry participation in order to take account of latest technical trends and market needs.

c. CTO meetings could assist the StdsStrat group in addressing strategic issues for the ITU-T Sector, and bring into the debates the views from the industry, as industry is the main component of ITU-T activities in the technical work. In practice, RG-StdsStrat could analyse the industry and markets trends, recommend future standardization directions and propose in accordance new topics for ITU-T, having in mind the need for cooperation with other SDOs and the scarce resources of ITU-T and its members.

d. RG-StdsStrat could liaise with relevant groups in other SDOs, as appropriate, inter alia to identify their relevant work.

e. RG-StdsStrat should meet frequently enough to address the rapid technological and market developments.

f. Discussions in RG-StdsStrat on procedural matters should be minimized.

g. RG-StdsStrat discussions should be focused on the substance of potential standardization topics.

h. This group should solicit and consider a wide range of inputs including, but not limited to, consultations, invited experts, etc., in order to address industry needs and emerging strategic topics.

**Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference for this Rapporteur Group are as follows, keeping in mind the objectives of the ITU-T Strategic Plan (Resolution 71, Busan, 2014):

a. Advise TSAG and SGs on standardisation strategies for the Sector by identifying the main technological trends, and market, economic and policy needs in the ITU-T's fields of activity. This may include, for example, conducting informal gap analysis, industry consultations and market enquiries, taking into account input and feedback from relevant groups inside ITU-T (such as the CTO group and Technology Watch) and outside ITU-T.

b. Develop standardization strategies to take account of the main technical trends, and market, economic and policy needs.

c. Identify possible topics and issues for consideration in ITU-T from the standardisation strategies.

d. To provide input via TSAG to relevant groups and assist, as appropriate, in the development of long-term strategic plans for the Sector.

e. RG-StdsStrat is open to participation from all ITU-T members. At the discretion of the Rapporteur, individual experts may be invited to join the meetings.

f. The TSB Director is invited to play an active advisory role in the RG, and in particular to provide the output of Technology Watch as instructed by WTSA Res. 66 (rev. Dubai, 2016) and of the chief technology officer (CTO) meetings that he organises in accordance with WTSA Res. 68 (rev. Dubai, 2016).

g. RG-StdsStrat shall use e-meetings and/or collocate with existing meetings as much as possible.

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