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| **Abstract:** | This TD provides the draft report of the TSAG RG-StdsStrat e-meeting, 14 January 2021. |

**Action**: TSAG to approve this report.

**Summary report from the 14 January 2021 TSAG-RG-StdsStrat e-meeting to the TSAG plenary:**

The TSAG Rapporteur Groupon “Standardization Strategy” met on 14 January 2021 from 12:30-13:10 hours Geneva time, and is pleased to bring the following conclusions to the attention of the TSAG plenary:

1. **TSAG to agree** Table 1 with the updated repository of hot topics (in [TSAG TD846R1](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-200921-TD-GEN-0846/en)).
2. **TSAG to authorize** RG-StdsStrat to hold up to four interim e-meetings on the basis that contributions will be received.  
   Contributions from the membership having a strategic nature are invited until the next TSAG meeting, in particular, on
   * SDGs
     1. Continuation of discussions on and review of “Proposal of ‘Guidance related to the mapping of the SDGs and new work items in ITU-T Study Groups’”;
   * Hot Topics
     1. Contributions on [TSAG RG-StdsStrat TD61](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/studygroups/2017-2020/tsag/strategy/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B2BC22F05-B5DE-42D2-A18D-DDBEB4F325E2%7D&file=TD061_Rapporteur%20analysis%20on%20Hot%20Topics%20as%20background%20information%20to%20RG-StdsStrat%20members.docx&action=default&CT=1610031292419&OR=DocLibClassicUI) “Rapporteur analysis on Hot Topics as background information to RG-StdsStrat members” to confirm/ validate/ invalidate/ develop this analysis, and to review and find consensus on one of the possible proposed scenarios.
     2. Analysis of the confirmed Hot Topics repository in its latest update ([TSAG TD846R1](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-200921-TD-GEN-0846/en))
   * Metrics
     1. Analysis of TSB latest developments
     2. Feedback and contributions to support TSB in delivering on members agreed plan.
   * Next ToR for TG-StdsStrat
     1. Contributions on the reviewing of the ToR for this Rapporteur Group towards preparations of TSAG in the next Study Period in parallel to the observations on the evolution regarding the proposals on the resolutions under the purview of this Rapporteur Group and the evolution of the activities of the Rapporteur Group

The interim e-meetings are open to all ITU-T members.

Four e-meetings are planned in 2021 until the next TSAG meeting from 1-3pm Geneva time

* + Thursday, 25 February 2021: 13:00-15:00 hours Geneva time.
  + Thursday, 22 April 2021: 13:00-15:00 hours Geneva time.
  + Thursday, 24 June 2021: 13:00-15:00 hours Geneva time.
  + Thursday, 26 August 2021: 13:00-15:00 hours Geneva time.

RG-StdsStrat will meet at the 8th TSAG meeting in 2021.

3) **TSAG to note**

1. that the rotating Rapporteur for RG-StdsStrat after this TSAG meeting until the next TSAG meeting shall be Mr Stephen Hayes, (Ericsson, USA).
2. the draft meeting report of RG-StdsStrat in TD926.

**1 Opening and welcome**

1.1 The e-meeting of the TSAG Rapporteur Groupon “Standardization Strategy” met electronically on 14 January 2021 from 12:30-13:10 hours Geneva time.

1.2 The TSAG RG-StdsStrat rotating Rapporteur, Mr Arnaud Taddei (Broadcom), chaired the e-meeting with the assistance of Mr Martin Euchner, TSB Advisor.

1.3 Live interpretation in the six official UN languages, facilities for remote participation and captioning were provided.

1.5 The Rapporteur opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

**2 Approval of the draft agenda**

2.1 The draft agenda in [TD925](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-210111-TD-GEN-0925) was adopted.

**3 Progress report of TSAG RG-StdsStrat**

3.1 The Rapporteur presented the progress report of RG-StdsStrat in [TD951](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-210111-TD-GEN-0951)R1, providing a summary of the two interim e-meetings, which took place since September 2020.

3.2 The meeting took note of the report.

**4 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

4.1 Mr Shigeru Miyake, Japan, presented [C167](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0167) “Proposal of ‘Guidance related to the mapping of the SDGs and new work items in ITU-T Study Groups’”, which proposes “Guidance related to the mapping of the SDGs and new work items in ITU-T Study Groups” as a result of discussions related to SDG mapping held in TSAG and its RG-StdsStrat meetings. The document provides guidance for activities to specify relevant SDGs for newly proposed work items with consideration for the impact of the SDGs within ITU-T Study Groups.

4.2 During the discussion members voiced the following views:

* Concerns were expressed by one study group Rapporteur that many formerly raised questions have not been fully addressed; on the perceived complexity and financial burden of the proposed approach; the need to organize trainings for study group delegates on the SDGs, and the need to have new supporting software from the TSB. Concerns were expressed that the approach proposed is not deemed appropriate, and that RG-StdsStrat has not yet carefully reviewed the proposal. It was proposed for RG-StdsStrat to conduct a review of the proposed attachment in its future interim e-meetings.
* Questions were asked on the purpose and impact of the SDG mapping exercise, and it was proposed to achieve an understanding first for the approach of such mapping.
* The nature and characteristics of the TD was not clear.
* Several members shared a view that different study groups may have different interpretations on the SDGs.
* The SDGs were believed to actually be a policy issue that should be considered at the level of Council; and that TSAG should be benefiting from obtaining guidance on SDGs from higher levels in the Union.
* One Member State did not support the proposed action 2.
* It is not the purpose of TSAG to rubberstamp contributions and disseminate them by liaison statements. Rather, TSAG should carefully analyse the matter.
* Instead of sending a liaison statement to the study groups, it was proposed that Japan may want to consider
  + submitting contributions in each of the study groups;
  + promote its ideas at ITU Council.

4.3 In conclusion, and due to lack of consensus, the meeting agreed

a) not to take a decision on the proposed two actions points at this stage;

b) not to prepare an outgoing liaison statement;

c) to continue the discussion on this matter in future RG-StdsStrat e-meetings.

**5 Standardization Strategy**

**5.1 Hot topics**

5.1.1 For the hot topics on a strategic level, the Rapporteur introduced [TSAG RG-StdsStrat TD61](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/studygroups/2017-2020/tsag/strategy/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B2BC22F05-B5DE-42D2-A18D-DDBEB4F325E2%7D&file=TD061_Rapporteur%20analysis%20on%20Hot%20Topics%20as%20background%20information%20to%20RG-StdsStrat%20members.docx&action=default&CT=1610031292419&OR=DocLibClassicUI) “Rapporteur analysis on Hot Topics as background information to RG-StdsStrat members” in support for a call for contributions in subsequent e-meetings in the next eight months to:

* Confirm/Validate/Invalidate/Develop this analysis, and
* Review and find consensus on one of the possible proposed scenarios.

5.1.2 The meeting endorsed this plan.

5.1.3 For the hot topics on a tactical level, The Rapporteur introduced [TD846R1](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-200921-TD-GEN-0846/en) “Hot Topics Repository”, which contains the proposed changes to the Hot Topics repository, and proposed to be seeking meeting agreement on this updated hot topics repository at this January 2021 TSAG plenary meeting.

5.1.4 The meeting agreed to be seeking agreement of Table 1 in [TSAG RG-StdsStrat TD61](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/studygroups/2017-2020/tsag/strategy/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B2BC22F05-B5DE-42D2-A18D-DDBEB4F325E2%7D&file=TD061_Rapporteur%20analysis%20on%20Hot%20Topics%20as%20background%20information%20to%20RG-StdsStrat%20members.docx&action=default&CT=1610031292419&OR=DocLibClassicUI) by the TSAG plenary.

**5.2 Standardization metrics/statistics**

5.2.1 The meeting took note of the following documents:

* [TD935](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-210111-TD-GEN-0935) (TSB) “Statistics regarding ITU-T study group work (position of 2020-11-30)”;
* [TD936](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-210111-TD-GEN-0936) (TSB) “ITU-T study group Question level statistics (2017-2020)”;
* [TD992](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-210111-TD-GEN-0992) (TSB) “Status of TSAG metrics implementation”;

and thanked TSB for the excellent progress of the implementation of the metrics and statistics.

**6 Preparations for WTSA-20, WTSA Resolutions**

6.1 Due to lack of time, the Rapporteur Group took note of the summary of proposals on Resolutions in scope of RG-StdsStrat:

* Resolution 66 (rev. Dubai 2012) “Technology Watch in the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau”: to suppress this Resolution.
* Resolution 68 (rev. Hammamet 2016) “Evolving role of industry in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector”: to suppress this Resolution.
* Proposed new Resolution regarding the involvement of the private sector.

6.2 The meeting agreed to start reviewing the ToR for this Rapporteur Group for the preparations of TSAG in the next Study Period.

**7 Rapporteurship, Selection of next RG-StdsStrat Chairman**

7.1 It is the agreed arrangement that the Chairmanship of RG-StdsStrat rotates among the co-Rapporteurs after each TSAG meeting.

7.2 The meeting supported Mr Stephen Hayes, (Ericsson, USA), to become the next rotating co-Rapporteur for RG-StdsStrat until the October 2021 TSAG meeting.

**8 Future meetings, interim RG-StdsStrat e-meetings**

7.1 RG-StdsStrat will want to meet during the 8th TSAG meeting in 2021.

7.2 The Rapporteur will prepare a proposal for planned future interim e-meetings for this Rapporteur group.

**7 Outgoing liaison statements**

None.

**9 AOB**

None.

**10 Closure of the meeting**

10.1 The meeting was closed at around 13:10 hours Geneva time.

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