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**Summary report from the 27 October 2021 TSAG RG-SC meeting to the TSAG plenary:**

The TSAG Rapporteur Groupon “Strengthening Collaboration” met during one session, and is pleased to bring the following conclusions to the attention of the TSAG plenary:

1. **TSAG to agree**
   1. To start a new revision ITU-T A.5rev for revised Recommendation ITU-T A.5 "Generic procedures for including references to documents of other organizations in ITU T Recommendations"; (the corresponding ITU-T A.1 justification is contained in [TD1116](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1116)R2 and the base text is in [TD1115R1](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1115)).
   2. To start new work item in new Appendix A.23apx: Draft new Amendment 1 to Recommendation ITU-T A.23 "Collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on information technology – Appendix II: Best Practices", and to bring this work item to the January 2022 TSAG plenary for agreement; (the corresponding ITU-T A.1 justification is contained in [TD1118](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1118) and the base text is in [TD1117](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1117)).
2. **TSAG to endorse**
3. Appointment of the existing SPCG Chair, Ms Amanda Richardson, for an additional (two year) term on an exceptional basis, and the SPCG was encouraged to figure out how to amend their terms of reference to support such a reappointment.
4. **TSAG to authorize RG-SC** to organize one interim e-meeting

* Wednesday, 24 November 2021, 15:00 - 17:00 hours Geneva time  
  to discuss deferred agenda items.

1. **TSAG to note:**

RG-SC meeting report in TD1025.

RG-SC plans to meet during the 9th TSAG meeting in 2022.

**1 Opening remarks**

The report contained herein covers the TSAG Rapporteur group meeting on “Strengthening Collaboration” during 27 October 2021, 13:00 - 14:30 hours Geneva time.

The Rapporteur of RG-SC, Mr Glenn Parsons (Ericsson Canada), chaired the e-meeting with the assistance of Mr Martin Euchner, TSB Advisor. Mr Steve Trowbridge was on standby as a backup to chair the meeting in case Mr Parsons could not chair for technical reasons.

Mr Parsons opened the meeting on 27 October 2021 at 13:00 hours Geneva time, and welcomed the participants.

The meeting adopted the agenda as contained in [TD1024](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1024), noting that some documents were handled already in former interim meetings and those documents were not discussed any further in this Rapporteur Group meeting, and other documents are deferred to a future RG-SC e-meeting to off-load the agenda. Agenda item 7 on newly ITU-T A.x qualified organizations had to be deferred to a future meeting due to lack of time in the meeting.

Facilities for captioning were provided.

TSAG contributions and TSAG TDs are available on the TSAG website: <http://www.itu.int/go/tsag>.

**2 Progress report of RG-SC from interim meetings**

2.1 The meeting took note of the RG-SC progress report (in [TD1054](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1054)) from interim RG-SC meetings since the January 2021 TSAG meeting.

**3 External relations**

**3.1 IEC/ISO/ITU World Standards Cooperation (WSC)**

3.1.1 Mr Bilel Jamoussi, TSB, presented in [TD1062](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1062) the report of the 20th meeting of the IEC/ISO/ITU World Standards Cooperation (WSC), that took place on 26 February 2021.

3.1.2 The meeting took note of the report.

**3.2 IEC SMB/ISO TMB/ITU-T TSAG Standardization Programme Coordination Group (SPCG)**

3.2.1 Mr Martin Euchner, SPCG Secretariat, presented in [TD1059](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1059) the report on progress made by the IEC SMB/ISO TMB/ITU-T TSAG Standardization Programme Coordination Group (SPCG) since the last TSAG meeting.

3.2.2 The meeting took note of this report in TD1059, and endorsed the SPCG recommendation to appoint the existing SPCG Chair, Ms Amanda Richardson, for an additional (two year) term on an exceptional basis, and the SPCG was encouraged to figure out how to amend their terms of reference to support such a reappointment.

3.2.3 The Rapporteur consulted the TSAG Management team about the reporting structure for the joint smart city task force (J-SCTF). It was clarified that TSAG expects to receive a short progress report on a yearly basis from J-SCTF as stated in their ToR.

3.2.4 ITU-T SG5 informed to have activities on AI for energy efficiency.

3.2.5 ITU-T SG20 informed to have a new ITU-T Focus Group on AI for Agriculture (FG-AI4A).

3.2.6 Corrections of the progress report were made available in TD1059R1.

**3.3 Collaboration with oneM2M**

3.3.1 The meeting considered the liaison statement from oneM2M in [TD1136](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1136) “LS on information on the draft submission and maintenance process for oneM2M specifications incorporated as ITU-T Recommendations [from oneM2M]”.

3.3.2 Mr Nasser Al Marzouqi, SG20 Chairman, presented [TD1162](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1162) “LS/r on a draft submission and maintenance process for oneM2M specifications (reply to TSAG-LS43 and oneM2M-LS18) [from ITU-T SG20]”, which is a reply from ITU-T Study Group 20 to TSAG and to oneM2M on a draft submission and maintenance process for oneM2M specifications, and seeks TSAG’s advice on three options which are currently being explored within SG20.

3.3.3 The meeting agreed to continue the off-line consultations (RG-SC Rapporteur, oneM2M, SG20, ITU-T A.5 editor, TSB) and to examine, to study and to explain the three options, possibly to revisit this issue at the next RG-SC interim meeting, such that the January 2022 TSAG meeting will be prepared and ready to send a liaison response to SG20.

**4 Recommendation ITU-T A.5 “Generic procedures for including references to documents of other organizations in ITU-T Recommendations”**

4.1 Mr Olivier Dubuisson, ITU-T A.5 Editor, presented in [TD1115R1](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1115) proposed amendments to Rec. ITU-T A.5 to handle the liaison statement from SG15 by proposing some text in new clauses 6.4 and 6.5 to be added to Rec. ITU-T A.5 to solve the two cases of adding references during the approval process that SG15 identified as not covered by the Recommendation.

4.1.1 The meeting took note of TD1115R1.

4.2 Russian Federation presented [C196](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0196) “Proposals for transparent decision-making for compliance with ITU-T Recommendations A.5 Generalized procedures for including references to documents of other organizations in ITU-T Recommendations and A.25 Generalized procedures for including text in ITU-T and other organizations documents”, which proposes to provide ITU members with access to the original documents defining the policies of intellectual property rights of organizations qualified for compliance with the requirements of Recommendations A.5 and A.25, as well as to include a requirement for free/non-restricted access to such documents on the websites of such organizations.

4.2.1 When asked, there were no members that gave support for C196, but there were also no concerns or oppositions voiced.

4.2.2 Due to lack of time to fully discuss the proposal and to reach conclusions, it was agreed to continue the discussions on the proposal and to discuss what the ramifications of the proposals in C196 are for the organizations already qualified or to be qualified.

4.3 Mr Olivier Dubuisson, ITU-T A.5 Editor, presented in [TD1116](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1116)R1 “ITU-T A.1 justification for a new edition of Rec. ITU-T A.5”, which contains the proposed ITU-T A.1 justification for a revision of Rec. ITU-T A.5 that would solve the issues raised by Study Group 15.

4.3.1 The meeting agreed to start a new revision for Recommendation ITU-T A.5, and to bring this work item to the plenary for agreement, see Appendix.

4.3.2 InterDigital Canada Ltee gave support for this work item as shown in TD1116R2.

**5 Recommendation ITU-T A.23 “Collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on information technology”**

5.1 The meeting considered the following documents:

* + [TD1117](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1117) (ITU-T A.23 Editor) “Draft new Amendment 1 to Recommendation ITU-T A.23: Appendix II (A.23apx) "Best practices"”, which contains the second draft of a new appendix "Best practices" to Rec. ITU-T A.23 "Collaboration with ISO and IEC on information technology" to solve the remaining items in RG-SC living list related to the cooperation with ISO/IEC JTC 1.
  + [TD1147](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1147) (ITU-T representative to IEC SMB/ISO TMB/ITU-T TSAG Standardization Programme Coordination Group (SPCG), TSB) “Outcome of consultations concerning proposed new ITU-T A.23 Appendix”, which reflects the outcome of consultations concerning proposed new ITU-T A.23 Appendix.
  + [TD1118](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1118) (ITU-T A.23 Editor) “Revised ITU-T A.13 justification for a new appendix to Rec. ITU-T A.23”, which contains the ITU-T A.13 justification for a new appendix to Rec. ITU-T A.23 that would solve the remaining items in RG-SC living list related to the cooperation with ISO/IEC JTC 1.

5.2 The meeting agreed to start new work item in new Appendix A.23apx: Draft new Amendment 1 to Recommendation ITU-T A.23 "Collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on information technology – Appendix II: Best Practices", and to bring this work item to the plenary for agreement, see Appendix.

**6 Open Source**

6.1 There was no input.

**7 Living List**

7.1 The meeting took note of the update of the RG-SC living list (ref. in [TD1152](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1152)).

**8 Work programme**

RG-SC has two active work items; see Appendix.

**9 Future meetings, interim RG-SC e-meetings**

RG-SC seeks authorization by TSAG to organize one interim e-meeting

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RG-SC plans to meet during the 9th TSAG meeting in 2022.

**10 Any other business (AOB)**

None.

**11 Closure of the meeting**

The Rapporteur thanked all participants for their attendance in this meeting, the contributors for their contributions, and TSB for its support, and the captioner.

The meeting was closed around 14:30 hours Geneva time.

**Appendix – Work items of TSAG RG-SC**

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| **Work item** | **New/ Revised** | **Title** | **Editor** | **Latest draft in** | **Timing** |
| ITU-T A.5rev (\*) | Revised | Revised Recommendation ITU T A.5 "Generic procedures for including references to documents of other organizations in ITU T Recommendations" | Olivier Dubuisson, Orange, [olivier.dubuisson@orange.com](mailto:olivier.dubuisson@orange.com) | [TD1115](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1115)R1 | March 2022 (WTSA) |
| ITU-T A.23apx | New | Draft new Amendment 1 to Recommendation ITU-T A.23 "Collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on information technology – Appendix II: Best Practices" | Olivier Dubuisson, Orange, [olivier.dubuisson@orange.com](mailto:olivier.dubuisson@orange.com) | [TD1117](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-211025-TD-GEN-1117) | January 2022 |

Note – (\*) - Text for TAP approval in accordance with WTSA-16 Resolution 1, Section 9.

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