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A new liaison statement has been received from SG15.

This liaison statement follows and the original file can be downloaded from the ITU ftp server at <http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/ls/sp16-sg15-oLS-00320.docx>.

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| **Abstract:** | This liaison identifies two cases of adding references during the approval process that are not covered by Rec. A.5. |

Study Group 15 often references the work of other SDOs as the basis for our work. As a result, most Recommendations for consent have an associated A.5 justification in a TD. This TD is generated using the TSB work programme tool and is based on Rec A.5 Annex A, and is used in the study group decision as indicated in Rec A.5 clause 6.3.

This has worked very well to ensure both question and the members are in agreement on the value of including a reference to another SDO’s standard.

Recently, a situation with references was encountered by SG15 that we believe is not currently covered by Rec A.5. This then led us to identify two other cases. These two cases are:

* A new reference, that was not present in the consented/determined text, is added (through member comments) to the text for approval at a SG meeting.
* A new reference, that was not present in the consented text, is added to the AR text (of AAP) (i.e., it was introduced through resolution of LC comments).

The first case was recently experienced by SG15. A new reference, that was not present in the consented text, was added to the text for approval (as a result of the resolution of AAP last call comments). As the approval fell to the SG15 plenary, the SG15 management team extrapolated from the existing rule (in clause 6.3 of Rec A.5) that an updated A.5 justification TD must be available 24 hours prior to approval by SG15.

For the second case of introducing a new reference from LC comment resolution (as part of AAP), if this were encountered by SG15 we would suggest handling this with a similar extrapolation to provide an updated A.5 justification TD (even though there would not be a current plenary) that would include any added references arising from LC comment resolution at least 24 hours prior to the initiation of AR.

In both cases, it may be appropriate for a link or reference to the A.5 justifications TDs in the AAP announcement letters. This would ensure member attention is brought to both the A.5 justifications available at consent and any added during AAP.

SG15 believe that these cases should be explicitly treated in Rec A.5 and invites TSAG to consider SG15’s approach.

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