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| **Abstract:** | This contribution suggests considerations for discussion of ITU-T study group restructuring based on the result of the last RG-WPR interim meeting in November 2023. |

**1. Background**

There was extensive discussion on ITU-T study group restructuring at the RG-WPR interim meeting in November based on the contribution [RGWPR-DOC1 (231115)](https://extranet.itu.int/meetings/ITU-T/T22-TSAGRGM/RGWPR-231115/SitePages/Welcome.aspx) from United Kingdom. The contribution was a valuable input to accelerate the discussion on restructuring and it was a great opportunity to share opinions among members. After careful review of the meeting result, Korea (Republic of) would like to suggest some considerations for further discussion on restructuring.

**2. Discussion**

One of the suggestions contained in [RGWPR-DOC1 (231115)](https://extranet.itu.int/meetings/ITU-T/T22-TSAGRGM/RGWPR-231115/SitePages/Welcome.aspx) was to consider the need to revise the current ITU-T study group numbering regime.

Korea (Republic of) is in the view that the current numbering regime of ITU-T study groups should be kept even if there would be any possible restructuring. As ITU-T study groups are actively cooperating and collaborating with external organizations, keeping the current numbering regime would be more beneficial for better visibility and its uniqueness as most organizations also keep their numbering regime. It would also be required to take into consideration of current study groups’ opinions for unexpected impacts in the future if the current numbering regime is to be revised.

Another point is that when discussing restructuring, minimizing duplication of work among study groups needs be considered in principle. However, as more emerging technology will come out to the world in the future, duplication issue can be raised no matter how many study groups are merged or dissolved. Furthermore, ITU-T already has various mechanism to coordinate among study groups such as JCA, liaison statement, joint working party and TSAG’s coordination function and enhancing those mechanism could be considered first to minimize duplication of work. In this regard, Korea (Republic of) is in the view that it is not desirable to simply merge or dissolve study groups in a way to avoid duplication of work among study groups.

Finally, prior to advancing to the next step of study group restructuring, comprehensive analysis of ITU-T structural restructuring should be finalized.

**3. Proposal**

To sum up, Korea (Republic of) would like to suggest to consider the points below for the discussion of ITU-T study group restructuring.

* Keeping the current numbering regime of ITU-T study groups would be more beneficial for better visibility and its uniqueness;
* To minimize duplication of work among study groups, enhancing current coordination mechanism could be considered first rather than simply merging or dissolving study groups;
* Analysis of ITU-T structural restructuring should be reviewed for the next step.

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