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| **Abstract:** | China proposes updating definitions in Clause 3.1 of A.Suppl5 to ensure consistency with the definitions provided in the latest Recommendations and WTSA Resolutions. |

**Introduction**

The RG-WM meetings reached a consensus to present the revised A.Suppl5 ([TSAG-TD393](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0393/en)) to TSAG for agreement. While the reference documents were updated in the new revision, the definitions were not kept aligned with the reference documents.

**Discussion**

Three terms defined elsewhere are referred in Clause 3.1. But these definitions are inconsistent with the term defined in the latest Recommendations or Resolutions.

“amendment”, as defined in ITU-T A.1, is described as following:

***amendment****: Changes or additions to an already published ITU T Recommendation.*

*NOTE – If an amendment forms an integral part of the Recommendation, approval of the amendment follows the same approval procedure as the Recommendation; otherwise (e.g., when all changes are in appendices), it is agreed by the study group.*

“Question”, as defined in WTSA Res 1, is described as following:

***Question****: Description of an area of work to be studied, normally leading to the production of one or more new or revised Recommendations and/or new or revised non-normative documents as defined in Recommendation ITU-T A.13.*

“supplement”, as defined in ITU-T A.13, is described as following:

***supplement****: An informative (non-normative) document which contains material which is supplementary to and associated with the subject matter of one or more Recommendations but which is not essential to their completeness or understanding and implementation.*

**Proposal**

We propose updating the definitions in Clause 3.1 to ensure alignment with the definitions found in the latest Recommendations and WTSA Resolutions. We have made direct revisions to the output document, employing revision marks to highlight the changes, which is included in the Annex of this contribution.

Annex:

Draft revised Supplement 5 to ITU-T A-series Recommendations

Guidelines for collaboration and exchange of information  
with other organizations

# 1 Scope

ITU-T maintains cooperative relationships with many other organizations. The technologies for which these organizations are responsible continue to converge, which has resulted in an increase of interdependency between ITU-T's work programme and the programmes of other organizations. This Supplement describes a process for authoritative document exchange with another organization, which is to be agreed upon with that organization. It also introduces generic procedures for developing an ITU-T document (Recommendation, Supplement, etc.) in collaboration with one (or more) other organization(s). Such generic procedures are to be considered as guidelines for negotiating a process or mode of collaboration with other qualified organization(s).

On a case-by-case basis, ITU-T study groups may use other processes or modes of collaboration to those described in this Supplement. In particular, exchange of information (by way of liaison statements) can occur at any time with another organization without applying the processes described in this Supplement.

NOTE 1 – This Supplement does not apply to ITU-T Recommendations developed in collaboration with ISO/IEC JTC 1 because the long-standing procedures of [ITU-T A.23], which have proved very successful, remain unchanged.

NOTE 2 – Regarding collaboration with the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), clause 2.5.3 of [ITU‑T A.Supp3] states that "common or joint text is discouraged because of the current differences in procedures for document approval and revision."

The case of normatively referencing the documents of other organizations in ITU‑T Recommendations is addressed in [ITU‑T A.5].

The case of ITU-T incorporating texts (in part or in whole, with or without modifications) from another organization is addressed in [ITU-T A.25].

# 2 References

[ITU-T A.1] Recommendation ITU-T A.1 (2019), *Working methods for study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T)*.

[ITU-T A.5] Recommendation ITU-T A.5 (2022), *Generic procedures for including references to documents of other organizations in ITU‑T Recommendations*.

[ITU-T A.7] Recommendation ITU-T A.7 (2016), *Focus groups: Establishment and working procedures*.

[ITU-T A.8] Recommendation ITU-T A.8 (2024), *Alternative approval process for new and revised ITU-T Recommendations*.

[ITU-T A.13] Recommendation ITU-T A.13 (2019), *Non-normative ITU-T publications, including Supplements to ITU-T Recommendations*

[ITU-T A.23] Recommendation ITU-T A.23 (2000), *Collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on information technology*.

[ITU-T A.25] Recommendation ITU-T A.25 (2022), *Generic procedures for incorporating texts between ITU-T and other organizations*.

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[WTSA Res. 1] World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly Resolution 1 (Rev. Geneva, 2022), *Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector*.  
<<http://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.1-2012>>

[WTSA Res. 18] World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly Resolution 18 (Rev. Geneva, 2022), *Principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and coordination between, the ITU Radiocommunication and ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sectors*.  
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# 3 Definitions

## 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

This Supplement uses the following terms defined elsewhere:

**3.1.1 amendment** [ITU-T A.1]: Changes or additions to an already published ITU-T Recommendation.

NOTE – If an amendment forms an integral part of the Recommendation, approval of the amendment follows the same approval procedure as the Recommendation; otherwise (e.g., when all changes are in appendices), it is agreed by the study group.

**3.1.2 Question** [WTSA Res. 1]: Description of an area of work to be studied, normally leading to the production of one or more new or revised Recommendations and/or new or revised non-normative documents as defined in Recommendation ITU-T A.13.

**3.1.3 supplement** [ITU-T A.13]:An informative (non-normative) document which contains material which is supplementary to and associated with the subject matter of one or more Recommendations but which is not essential to their completeness or understanding and implementation.

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