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A new liaison statement has been received from SG17.

This liaison statement follows and the original file can be downloaded from the ITU ftp server at <http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/ls/sp17-sg17-oLS-00031.docx>.

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ITU-T Study Group 17 received at its August 2022 meeting a contribution requesting to establish a correspondence group on security for the “Metaverse”. The term “Metaverse” that was used in the contribution was discussed. The discussion observed that the term is trademarked, so this liaison uses the term “immersive virtual universe” for the same concept. The discussion also revealed that there is no common understanding of what the “immersive virtual universe” is. There was consensus on a need for pre-standardization activities.

While there was no consensus to create a correspondence group on security the “immersive virtual universe” at this time, there was consensus in having a focus group established that could address all aspects, including security. It was agreed that the parent of such a focus group should be TSAG because of the anticipated broad subjects including security to be addressed. Member States were also encouraged to contribute to TSAG on this topic, such as terms of reference for this focus group.

SG17 looks forward to collaborating with TSAG on the creation of such a focus group and leading the coordination of the security matters related to any standardization of the “immersive virtual universe”, or any other term that may be agreed upon.

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