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| **Abstract:** | This TD provides information gathered by the RG-WM Rapporteur to support the discussion of the liaison statement of SG17 on the utilisation of tools to produce Recommendations (TD557). |

**Action**: TSAG is invited to consider this document while discussing TD557.

**Q1 What are the current requirements, limits and constraints of using such tools?**

ITU has not specific provisions for the use of such external tools, which can be trialled by study groups. Specific arrangements would need to be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

However, the tools must be able to import/export data from/to the tools currently used by the TSB editing team (e.g., Microsoft Word, Corel Draw).

There could be some concerns regarding IPRs and security if a study group were to develop Recommendations on a website that is not fully under the control of ITU. It would seem more appropriate to have an ITU-based server for the development, where all the information would belong to the study groups.

Having an ITU-based server would also avoid to the ITU membership to have necessary licenses to use the tools.

**Q2 Has TSB evaluated** [**https://www.metanorma.org/author/itu/**](https://www.metanorma.org/author/itu/)**? Would there be any IPR issue that would impede its use?**

This tool has not been evaluated by TSB.

SG12 ([TD567](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0567/en)) believes that the Microsoft Word-centric nature of the ITU-T standards development process and strong reliance on track changes features appear to be incompatible with the Metanorma tool.

**Q3 Who set up** [**https://github.com/openitu**](https://github.com/openitu)**?**

The account is controlled by TSB, after consulting LAU. The IPR license is defined by the repository owners.

It currently has two repositories being used actively by SG12 and SG17 experts, but it could be used by any interested ITU group.

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