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A new liaison statement has been received from SG3.

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-sg3-oLS-00032.docx>.

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| **Abstract:** | This LS serves to inform about the creation of a new work item in ITU‑T Study Group 3 (Question 6/3) to develop a draft new ITU-T Recommendation on economic and policy aspects of the provision of high-speed Internet connectivity by retail satellite operators.  |

ITU-T Study Group 3 (ITU-T SG3 on Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues) recognises and appreciates the lead role of ITU-R Study Group 4 (ITU-R SG4) on technical matters relating to systems and networks for the fixed-satellite service, mobile-satellite service, broadcasting-satellite service and radiodetermination-satellite service, including the related use of links in the inter-satellite service, as applicable.

This LS serves to inform you about the creation of a new SG3 work item to develop a draft new Recommendation on economic and policy aspects of the provision of high-speed Internet connectivity by retail satellite operators.

The justification form for the establishment of the new work item according to ITU-T Recommendation A.1, which includes the scope and summary of this work item, is available as Annex.

ITU-T SG3 wishes to reassure you that it will ensure to the extent possible that there is no overlap between this work item and the ongoing work and mandate of ITU‑R.

ITU-T SG3 welcomes your cooperation and collaboration on this matter and invites your feedback.

The first meeting of SG3 in the new Study Period is scheduled to take place in Geneva, 8-17 April 2025.

Annex

Justification A.1 for a proposed draft new ITU-T Recommendation on
Economic and policy aspects of the provision of high-speed Internet connectivity by retail satellite operators

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| **Question:** | 6/3 | **Proposed new ITU-T Recommendation** | Geneva, 9-18 July 2024 |
| **Reference and title:** | Economic and policy aspects of the provision of high-speed Internet connectivity by retail satellite operators |
| **Base text:** | [SG3-C99](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-SG03-C-0099/en) | **Timing:** | 2026 |
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| **Scope**  |
| This Recommendation aims to provide guidance on the economic, accounting and regulatory aspects of offering high-speed, low latency Internet connectivity by retail satellite operators using Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit (NGSO) systems. It assists National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) in determining policy and regulatory approaches to facilitate market entry and to foster competition while ensuring that relevant standards are met. SG3 should ensure to the extent possible that there is no overlap between this work and the ongoing work and mandate of ITU-R.  |
| **Summary**  |
| The ever-growing demand for high-speed, low latency connectivity around the world has led consumers to seek connectivity via low Earth orbit satellite, which can deliver a high-speed, low latency Internet signal to even the most remote points on the planet and help bridge the digital divide. However, Administrations seek to ensure that operators obtain the necessary authorization and equipment type approval before offering service in their jurisdictions.  |
| **Relationships to ITU-T Recommendations or to other standards** (approved or under development)**:** |
| ITU-T Y Suppl.81 (to the ITU-T Y.3200 series) – use cases of satellite communications in developing countries.  |
| **Liaisons with other study groups or with other standards bodies:** ITU-R SG4 (WP4A); ITU-R WP1B; ITU-D Q1/1 and Q4/1. |
| **Supporting members that are committing to contributing actively to the work item:** |
| Cameroon, Benin, Dem. Rep. of the Congo, Mali, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Niger, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Mozambique, Sudan, South Africa, Togo, Sonatel, Ghana, The Gambia, Zambia, Senegal, China, Gabon, Burundi, Sri Lanka, Zambia, India, Brazil, Congo (Rep. of), Trinidad and Tobago, Burundi, Lesotho, Haiti.  |

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