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This liaison statement answers [SG2-LS101](https://www.itu.int/ifa/t/2022/ls/sg2/sp17-sg2-oLS-00101.docx).

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-00035.docx>.

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| **Abstract:** | This LS proposes the creation of a Joint Working Party between SG2 and SG3 entrusted with the discussion on the taxonomy of the definitions of OTT services and OTT Bypass for agreement and subsequent use within ITU and offers draft terms of reference for consideration by Study Group 2. |

ITU-T Study Group 3 (SG3) thanks ITU-T Study Group 2 (SG2) for sharing their views on the latest draft of TR OTTBypass ([SG2-LS101](http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/ls/sp17-sg2-oLS-00101.docx)).

The comments were well noted and were addressed as appropriate, in the agreement of the new ITU-T Technical Report OTT Bypass (DSTR-OTTBypass), as contained in [SG3-TD182/PLEN](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-SG03-240709-TD-PLEN-0182/en), during the last SG3 meeting (Geneva, 9-18 July 2024).

Noting (1) the sustained mutual interest between our Study Groups on OTT definitions, (2) the essential relevance of these definitions for the progression of work items within Study Group 3, and (3) the role of Study Group 2 as the lead Study Group on telecommunication/ICT service definitions, we propose the creation of a Joint Working Party (JWP) between SG2 and SG3 to be entrusted with discussions on the taxonomy of the definitions of OTT Bypass and OTT services in general, for agreement and subsequent use within ITU.

Draft preliminary terms of reference for the JWP are attached herewith for your consideration.

SG3 remains at your disposal for further cooperation and collaboration on the creation of a JWP entrusted with moving forward the work on definitions of OTTs and OTT Bypass for use within ITU.

**ANNEX**

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE JOINT WORKING PARTY ON OTT DEFINITIONS

**Committee Name**: Ad hoc Joint Working Party (JWP) on OTT definitions

* **Chairperson:** The (JWP) will be co-chaired by respective Working Party chairs from SG3 and SG2 responsible for OTTs.
* **Responsible To**: Chairpersons of SG2 and SG3
* **Lead study Group**: SG3 (see clause 2.1.5 of Recommendation ITU-T A.1)
* **Purpose:** The ad hoc JWP is created to discuss the definition and taxonomy of OTT services as well as OTT bypass and submit proposals.
* **Authority:** Proposed definitions to be submitted for consideration and agreement by SG 2 and SG3 plenaries.
* **Time limit:** Report to be submitted to both SG2 and SG3 by November 2025 for consideration and agreement by December 2025.
* **Composition**: The JWP is open to all interested parties from SG3 and SG2 including the respective rapporteurs and editors on OTT work items as well as any other interested experts from other ITU-T study groups.
* **Staff Support:** Work of the JWP will be supported by secretariat staff from SG2 and SG3.
* **Other Resources:** Work will be online through email and e-meetings using the MYWORKSPACE platform and any other suitable online platforms.
* **Communication:** Communication with respective SGs will be through the relevant WPs responsible for OTTs and will follow the usual channels for agreement.
* **Specific Tasks:**
1. Examine the validity of the definition provided in ITU-T Recommendation D.262 in comparison to other definitions proffered by other credible standards making bodies if any, including other credible expert bodies, considering functionality and substitutability of the services as well as technological evolution.
2. Provide taxonomy for OTT services and the context of a working definition for OTT services for use within ITU.
3. Examine the various communication channels via OTT services.
4. Provide a taxonomy for OTT bypass and the context of a working definition for OTT bypass for use within ITU.

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