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## Recommendation ITU-T Z.161.1

### Testing and Test Control Notation version 3: TTCN-3 language extensions: Support of interfaces with continuous signals

#### Summary

Recommendation ITU-T Z.161.1 defines the "continuous signal support" package of TTCN 3. TTCN 3 can be used for the specification of all types of reactive system tests over a variety of communication ports. Typical areas of application are protocol testing (including mobile and Internet protocols), service testing (including supplementary services), module testing, testing of Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA) based platforms, testing of application programming interfaces (APIs), etc. TTCN 3 is not restricted to conformance testing and can be used for many other kinds of testing including interoperability, robustness, regression, system and integration testing. The specification of test suites for physical layer protocols is outside the scope of this Recommendation.

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# Recommendation ITU-T Z.161.1

## Testing and Test Control Notation version 3: TTCN-3 language extensions: Support of interfaces with continuous signals

### 1 Scope

Recommendation ITU-T Z.161.1 defines the "continuous signal support" package of TTCN-3. TTCN-3 can be used for the specification of all types of reactive system tests over a variety of communication ports. Typical areas of application are protocol testing (including mobile and Internet protocols), service testing (including supplementary services), module testing, testing of CORBA based platforms, APIs, etc. TTCN-3 is not restricted to conformance testing and can be used for many other kinds of testing including interoperability, robustness, regression, system and integration testing. The specification of test suites for physical layer protocols is outside the scope of this Recommendation.

TTCN-3 packages are intended to define additional TTCN-3 concepts, which are not mandatory as concepts in the TTCN-3 core language, but which are optional as part of a package which is suited for dedicated applications and/or usages of TTCN-3.

This package defines concepts for testing systems using continuous signals, as opposed to discrete messages, and the characterization of the progression of such signals by use of streams.

While the design of TTCN-3 package has taken into account the consistency of a combined usage of the core language with a number of packages, the concrete usages of, and guidelines for, this package in combination with other packages is outside the scope of this Recommendation.

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### 3 Definitions

#### 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

None.

#### 3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation

None.

#### **4 Abbreviations and acronyms**

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

API        Application Programming Interface

CORBA    Common Object Request Broker Architecture

TTCN     Testing and Test Control Notation

#### **5 Conventions**

None.

#### **6 Endorsement**

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