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ITU-T SVC had recognized that the term “infrastructure” was defined in the two Sectors (ITU-T and ITU-R) differently. Therefore, ITU-T SVC requested ITU-T Study Group 13 to reconsider the definition given for the term “infrastructure” in Recommendation ITU-T Y.2281 by adding a modifier to clarify its context (as applicable to intelligent transport systems and next generation networks). Therefore, Q11/13 has discussed this issue at the SG13 Rapporteur Group Meeting, 13-23 July 2015.

ITU-T Y.2281 contains the definitions for intelligent transport systems (ITS) and infrastructure as follows:

**3.1.2 intelligent transport systems (ITS)** [b-ITU-R Handbook]: ITS is defined as systems utilizing the combination of computers, communications, positioning and automation technologies to improve the safety, management and efficiency of terrestrial transport systems.

**3.2.1 infrastructure:** The basic facilities and systems comprised of network nodes (i.e., switches and/or routers) and the means to connect them (i.e., wired (cable or fibre) or wireless) for the purpose of communication between two end-points.

In fact, while we were developing the Y.2281 on networked vehicle, there were lots of issues regarding the proper understanding of term “infrastructure”. In the Y.2281, it’s not just a network infrastructure. The term infrastructure was used with slightly different aspects, for example ITS

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infrastructure. Rather than quite conventional network infrastructures, in the context of the Y.2281, it's more focused on facilities and systems. However, it's not easy to make a harmonized definition for infrastructure as this term is broadly used in very different contexts.

In order that the definitions are harmonized across the two Sectors of ITU, **the meeting has decided not to newly define the term “infrastructure” in Y.2281.** We believe that it's enough to leave only the definition on “intelligent transport systems (ITS)”.

NOTE - In case of the Y.2060 (IoT overview), we used the term “infrastructure” as more broad scope. However, we haven't defined the term “infrastructure” in the Y.2060.

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