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| Subject: | **Approval of new Recommendation ITU-T A.25, revised Recommendation ITU-T A.5** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 Further to TSB Circular 164 of 9 July 2015, I hereby inform you that Member States participating in the last meeting of TSAG approved the texts of draft new and revised ITU‑T Recommendations during its Plenary session held on 5 February 2016. Summaries of these two Recommendations are in Annex 1.

2 The titles of the new and of the revised ITU-T Recommendation that were approved are:

**ITU-T A.5**: “Generic procedures for including references to documents of other organizations in
 ITU-T Recommendations”

**ITU-T A.25**: “Generic procedures for incorporating text between ITU-T and other organizations”

3 Available patent information can be accessed on‑line via the ITU‑T website.

4 The texts of the pre-published Recommendations will soon be available on the ITU‑T website.

5 The texts of these Recommendations will be published by ITU as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau

**Annex:** **1**

ANNEX 1
(to TSB Circular 198)

**Summaries of new Recommendation ITU-T A.25, and revised Recommendation ITU-T A.5**

**Summary of revised Recommendation ITU-T A.5 (2016)**

Recommendation ITU-T A.5 provides generic procedures for normatively referencing documents of other organizations in ITU-T Recommendations.

**Summary of new Recommendation ITU-T A.25 (2016)**

Recommendation ITU-T A.25 addresses the process of incorporating text (in whole or in part, with or without modification) of documents from another organization into an ITU-T Recommendation (or another ITU-T document). Similarly, guidance is provided for other organizations incorporating text (in whole or in part, with or without modification) from ITU-T Recommendations (or other ITU‑T documents) in their documents.

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