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| **Abstract:** | | The United States supports the new base text of draft ITU-T Recommendation D.OTTMNO that resulted from the January 2019 Q9/3 Rapporteur Group Meeting (RGM), and believes that retaining the RGM output as is would allow SG3 to consider the text to be stable. | | | |

**1 Introduction**

The U.S. supports the new base text for a draft new ITU-T Recommendation D.OTTMNO, contained in [TD17-WP/4](https://www.itu.int/dms_inf/itu-t/md/17/sg03/td/190423/WP4/T17-SG03-190423-TD-WP4-0017!!MSW-E.docx), that resulted from the January 2019 Q9/3 Rapporteur Group Meeting (RGM) of Study Group 3.

**2 Discussion**

Resolution 206 (Dubai, 2018) on “OTTs”, in *considering b)*,states “that the mutual cooperation between OTTs and telecommunication operators can be an element to foster innovative, sustainable, viable business models and their positive roles in fostering socio-economic benefits.”

The U.S. believes the progress on D.OTTMNO is in keeping with Resolution 206, and a natural extension of this text. The new draft provides a foundation and guidance for voluntary, commercial arrangements among OTTs and telecommunications operators in ITU Member States.

**3 Proposal**

The U.S. appreciates the constructive discussion on D.OTTMNO that took place during the Q9/3 Rapporteur Group meeting in January 2019. The outcome document reflects a spirit of compromise that marked the discussion, and is a true balance of the diverse interests represented at the meeting. The United States does not wish to jeopardize the stability of the text, likely pushing any further action to the next meeting.

As a practical matter, it would force the Q9/3 Rapporteur and interested Member States to re-negotiate the text, with additional late night and weekend drafting sessions. This would disproportionately burden smaller delegations from developing world nations.

Accordingly, the U.S. believes that retaining the RGM output in [TD17-WP/4](https://www.itu.int/dms_inf/itu-t/md/17/sg03/td/190423/WP4/T17-SG03-190423-TD-WP4-0017!!MSW-E.docx) as-is would allow SG3 to consider the text to be stable.

The United States requests that this contribution be made available publicly without restriction.

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