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| **Source:** | | | Rapporteur, TSAG RG-CPTRG | | |
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| **Purpose:** | | | Information, Action | | |
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| **Keywords:** | TSAG RG-CPTRG draft report; |
| **Abstract:** | This TD provides the draft report for TSAG RG-CPTRG fourth meeting that took place on 11 February 2020, 09:30-10:50. |

**Action**: TSAG invited to take note of the report of the RG-CPTRG fourth meeting.

The TSAG Rapporteur Groupon Creation, Participation and Termination of Regional Groups (RG-CPTRG) met on 11 February 2020 and is pleased to bring to the attention of the TSAG plenary:

1. **TSAG to take note** of the report of the RG-CPTRG fourth meeting.

**1 Opening and welcome**

The Rapporteur, Mr Kwame BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR (Ghana) assisted by Ms May Thi Aye (TSB), opened the second Rapporteur Group on Creation, Participation and Termination of Regional Groups (RG-CPTRG) fourth meeting on 11 February 2020, from 9:30AM.

TSB organized Interprefy for remote participation. TSB also organized captioning and interpretation to the 6 UN languages for this RG meeting.

**2 Approval of the draft agenda**

The draft agenda in [TD644](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-200210-TD-GEN-0644) was adopted.

**3 Review of last meeting report**

The meeting considered the report for TSAG RG-CPTRG third meeting that took place on 25 September 2019, 16:15-17:57, as contained in [TD453](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0453).

**4 Incoming Liaison Statement on Regional Groups**

The following liaison statement was presented:

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| *TD* | *Source* | *Title* |
| [TD707](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-200210-TD-GEN-0707) | ITU-T Study Group 12 Regional Group for Africa (SG12RG-AFR) | LS on draft Report RG-CPTRG on creation, participation and termination of Regional Groups [from SG12RG-AFR] |

**5 Contributions received**

The following contributions were presented:

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| *C* | *Source* | *Title and Summary* |
| [C113](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0113) | United States of America | *Title*: Suggestions to continue to advance the work of TSAG RG-CPTRG  *Summary*: Following up on the last TSAG meeting, the United States looks forward to continued discussion in the TSAG Rapporteur Group on Creation, Participation & Termination of Regional Groups (RG-CPTRG). |
| [C115](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0115) | United States of America | *Title*: CITEL DIAP on regional groups of ITU-T Study Groups (revisions to WTSA Resolution 54)  *Summary*: This contribution shares, for information only, a draft Inter-American Proposal (DIAP) currently under consideration in CITEL PCC.I on the topic of regional groups of ITU-T Study Groups (proposed revisions to WTSA Resolution 54). |

**6 Discussion**

The meeting reviewed the relevant documents under Objective 1. [C113](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0113) was presented by USA and [TD707](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-200210-TD-GEN-0707) was reviewed as an incoming liaison statement from ITU-T Study Group 12 Regional Group for Africa (SG12RG-AFR) to the Rapporteur Group.

The definition of a region was discussed. While some Members expressed the need of a definition of a “region”, other Members communicated the priority of maintaining flexibility on the term “region” for each study group to create regional groups depending on the subject matter.

Furthermore, ITU Legal Affairs Unit (LAU) was requested to clarify why [TD577](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0577) omitted to provide an opinion with respect to regional intergovernmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems, as well as regional and other international telecommunication standardization, financial or development organizations, as these are identified in Nos. 269B, 269C and 231 of the ITU Convention. ITU LAU explained that the provisions in question do not establish separate ITU membership categories for these organizations and that TD577 examined participatory rights only with respect to the existing possibilities for participation in the activities of the Union, as these are laid down in the basic texts: Member States (Art. 2 of the Constitution), Sector Members (Art. 3 of the Constitution), Associates (No. 241A of the Convention) and Academia (Resolution 169 of the Plenipotentiary Conference). Therefore, under the present framework, the right of said organizations to participate in the work of regional groups of ITU-T Study Groups depends on their affiliation to ITU-T.

The meeting thanked USA for [C115](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0115) and took note of the contribution. The meeting noted that there were no additional contributions made on the revision of the relevant WTSA resolutions. The meeting agreed that contributions and proposals to modifications to related Resolutions be discussed at WTSA-20.

Finally, some Members expressed the importance of maintaining the status quo of limiting full participation in regional group meetings to Member States and Sector Members in a region. Similarly, they emphasized the need of a regional dialogue for specific topics depending on the mandate of the study group. In contrast, other members stressed the importance of providing access to international organizations present in the region to the regional dialogue.

From discussions the meeting was informed that Study Group 3 Regional Group for Europe and the Mediterranean Basin (SG3RG-EURM) has been dormant for more than two study periods.

**7 Next Meetings, Interim e-Meetings**

The meeting agreed that the objectives under the ToR have been satisfied and that additional meetings will not be required for this Rapporteur Group. The meeting agreed to submit a report on Summary of Outcomes to TSAG and for the closure of RG-CPTRG.

**8 Closure of the meeting**

The Chairman thanked the delegates for their participation, ITU LAU for its legal clarification, TSB for its support, and informed the meeting that the meeting report will be posted for consideration by the TSAG closing plenary. The meeting was closed at 10:50AM.

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