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| **Abstract:** | This document contains the report of activities of the Standardization Committee for Vocabulary in the period August 2020 to December 2021. The SCV/CCT seeks advice from TSAG regarding an issue related to the approval of ITU official terminology by the ITU-T Sector. |

**1. Introduction**

[WTSA Resolution 67](http://www.itu.int/publ/T-RES-T.67-2008/en) (Johannesburg, 2008) established the Standardization Committee on Vocabulary (SCV), with responsibility for ensuring that the standardization of work on vocabulary within ITU-T shall be based on the proposals by the study groups in the English language. [WTSA Resolution 67](http://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.67-2012/) (Rev. Dubai, 2012) continued SCV and was revised to more generally address **the use in ITU-T of the languages of the Union on an equal footing**. [WTSA Resolution 67](https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.67-2016) (Rev, Hammamet, 2016) maintains SCV and places further emphasis on a unified approach to terminology harmonization covering the whole of ITU. [Council Resolution 1386](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0127/en) of 26 May 2017 created the ITU Coordination Committee for Terminology (CCT), which is composed by SCV, the ITU-R Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV) and two representatives of ITU-D.

The SCV is comprised by experts in the various official languages, members designated by interested administrations and other participants in the work of ITU-T, as well as the rapporteurs for vocabulary of the ITU-T study groups and relevant ITU staff. All SCV meetings are now held under the umbrella of the CCT, with participation of delegates from the three sectors of the ITU.

This document provides a report of the relevant activities since the September 2020 meeting of TSAG.

**2. CCT virtual meeting of 7 December 2020**

The SCV held a virtual meeting on 7 December 2020 under the umbrella of the CCT, in accordance with WTSA Resolution 67 and Council Resolution 1386. Fourteen delegates from the three ITU Sectors and five ITU staff participated in the meeting, which was led by Ms Rim Belhaj and Mr Christian Rissone in their capacity of Chairmen of the SCV and the CCV, respectively.

The discussion focused mainly on terminology related to new terms and definitions being developed by ITU-T SG2, SG9, SG11, SG16 SG20 and the definition for “Quasi error free”, proposed by ITU-R SG6.

The meeting also addressed the concern of several ITU-T study groups on the process for the adoption of new definitions. Although the Committee has reached out to all the ITU-T study groups to clarify the role of the CCT as a facilitator in terminology matters, some of the study groups are still concerned that by sending to the SCV/CCT the new definitions at an early stage of the Recommendation development process may introduce delays in the approval of Recommendations.

As mandated by WTSA Resolution 67, TSB collects all new terms and definitions that are proposed by the ITU‑T study groups in approved Recommendations, and enters them in the online ITU Terms and Definitions database. However, new terms and definitions are not always brought to the attention of the SCV/CCT before the approval of the corresponding Recommendation. As a result, not all new terms and definitions that are entered in the Terminology database comply with the guidelines provided in the Author’s guide, or they may not have been shared with other relevant parties for harmonization.

The SCV/CCT would like to seek advice from TSAG regarding this issue, which is documented in point 4.6 of the draft meeting report, [SCV-TD138](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/committees/scv/Documents/SCV-TD138.docx).

**3. Summary**

SCV continues to address its mission defined in [WTSA Res. 67](https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.67-2016) (Rev. Hammamet, 2016), with increased participation of all the ITU-T study groups.

SCV meetings are held under the umbrella of Coordination Committee for Terminology, which is composed by the SCV, the CCV and participants from ITU-D, thus increasing the collaboration among the three Sectors, and enhancing the efficiency for the harmonization of terminology.

The CCT continues working towards a more streamlined process for the harmonization of terminology across the three Sectors of the ITU, and is now seeking TSAG’s advice regarding the process for the approval of new terms and definitions, and their incorporation in the ITU Terminology Database.

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