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| **Question(s):** | RG-WM | Geneva, 22-26 January 2024 |
| **TD** |
| **Source:** | Rapporteur, TSAG Rapporteur group on working methods |
| **Title:** | A.1 justification for new draft Recommendation ITU-T A.24 "Collaboration and exchange of information with other organizations" |
| **Purpose:** | Proposal |
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| **Keywords:** | Collaboration, collaborative work, common document, common team, multilateral collaboration, formal communication process. |
| **Abstract:** | The first RG-WM session on Tuesday 23 Jan 2024 agreed to change the status of A Suppl.5 to a new A-series Recommendation. |

**Action**: RG-WM is invited to agree this new work item.

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| **Question:** | TSAG/RG-WM | **Proposed new ITU-T Recommendation** | Geneva, 22-26 January 2024 |
| **Reference and title:** | ITU-T A.24 "Collaboration and exchange of information with other organizations" |
| **Base text:** | [TD470](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-TSAG-240122-TD-GEN-0470/en) | **Target date:** | 2024 (together with the deletion of Recs ITU-T A.4 & A.6) |
| **Editor(s):** | Olivier Dubuisson, Orange, olivier.dubuisson@orange.com | **Approval process:** | TAP |
| **Scope** (defines the intent or object of the Recommendation and the aspects covered, thereby indicating the limits of its applicability): |
| ITU-T maintains cooperative relationships with many other organizations. The technologies for which these organizations are responsible continue to converge, which has resulted in an increase of interdependency between ITU-T's work programme and the programmes of other organizations. This Recommendation describes a process for authoritative document exchange with another organization, which is to be agreed upon with that organization. It also introduces generic procedures for developing an ITU-T document (Recommendation, Supplement, etc.) in collaboration with one (or more) other organization(s). Such generic procedures are to be considered as guidelines for negotiating a process or mode of collaboration with other qualified organization(s).On a case-by-case basis, ITU-T study groups may use other processes or modes of collaboration to those described in this Recommendation. In particular, exchange of information (by way of liaison statements) can occur at any time with another organization without applying the processes described in this Recommendation.NOTE 1 – This Recommendation does not apply to ITU-T Recommendations developed in collaboration with ISO/IEC JTC 1 because the long-standing procedures of [b-ITU-T A.23], which have proved very successful, remain unchanged.NOTE 2 – Regarding collaboration with the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), clause 2.5.3 of [b‑ITU‑T A.Supp3] states that "common or joint text is discouraged because of the current differences in procedures for document approval and revision."The case of normatively referencing the documents of other organizations in ITU‑T Recommendations is addressed in [ITU‑T A.5].The case of ITU-T incorporating texts (in part or in whole, with or without modifications) from another organization is addressed in [b-ITU-T A.25]. |
| **Summary** (provides a brief overview of the purpose and contents of the Recommendation, thus permitting readers to judge its usefulness for their work):This Recommendations addresses different processes for collaboration and exchange of information with other qualified organizations, including a generic process for developing an ITU-T document (Recommendation, Supplement, etc.) in collaboration with other organizations, with the aim of producing documents that are identical (or technically-aligned). |
| **Relations to ITU-T Recommendations or other documents** (approved or under development): |
| ITU-T A.4, A.5, A.6, A.23 and A.25 |
| **Liaisons with other study groups or with other standards bodies:** |
| All ITU-T Study Groups |
| **Supporting members that are committing to contributing actively to the work item:** |
| Canada, Cameroon, Rep. of Korea, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia |

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