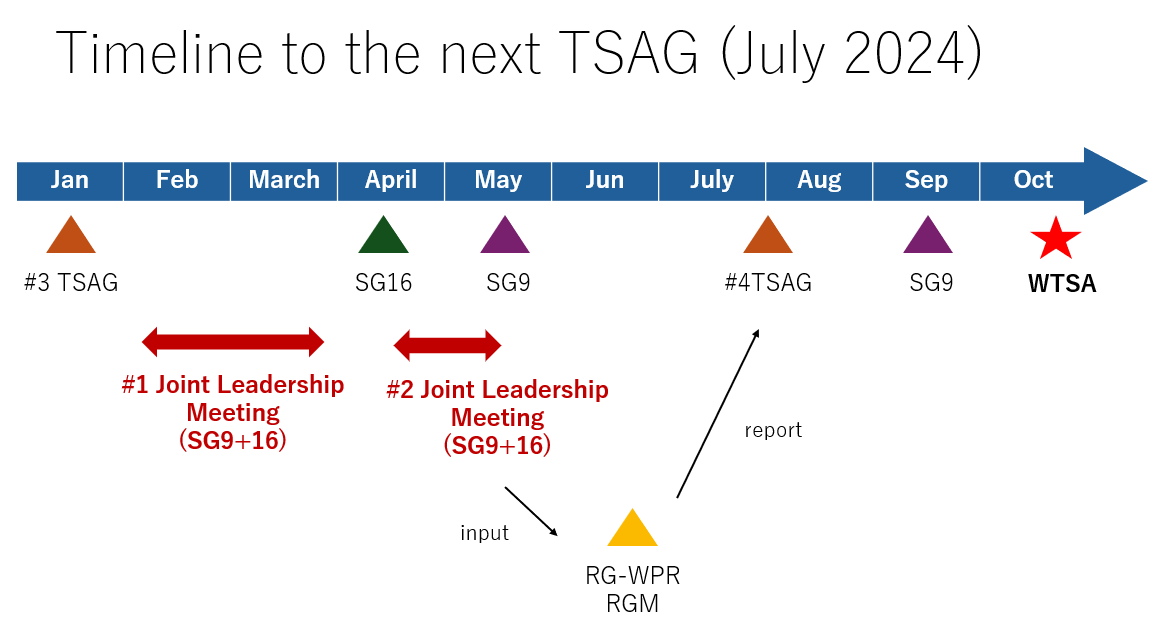
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| **LIAISON STATEMENT** | | | | | | | |
| **For action to:** | | | | | ITU-T SG9 and SG16 | | |
| **For information to:** | | | | | ITU-T SGs except for SG9 and SG16 | | |
| **Approval:** | | | | | TSAG meeting (Geneva, 26 January 2024) | | |
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| **Abstract:** | This Liaison Statement reports the situation on SG restructuring discussion. In particular, there was a wide support on consolidating SG9 and SG16. SG9 and SG16 are encouraged to consider the way forward. |

There was a wide support for consolidating SG9 and SG16 at the third TSAG meeting (Geneva, 22-26 January 2024) as provided in [C78](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-TSAG-C-0078/en). SG9 and SG16 are encouraged to consider the way forward.

Following steps are suggested (see also the figure below):

1. SG9 and SG16 chairs or management teams discuss to find out the best way forward for this consolidation. In particular, the structure of the new SG (WPs, Questions, etc.). Since SG16 and SG9 will hold SG meetings in April and May 2024, respectively, it is suggested that these discussions take place before these meetings (i.e., one before the SG16 meeting and another before the SG9 meeting).
2. SG9 and SG16 report the results of the discussion above and discussion within each SG at the planned RG-WPR interim meeting on 19 June 2024 so that experts from other SGs can understand the situation since it may have some implication to other SGs.
3. Report the discussion status to the final TSAG meeting (Geneva, 29 July – 2 August 2024).



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