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|  | | | Geneva, 13 September 2023 | |
| **Ref:** | **TSB Circular 111**  TSAG/HO | | **To:**  - Administrations of Member States of the Union  **Copy to:**  - ITU-T Sector Members;  - ITU Academia  - The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-T TSAG;  - The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau;  - The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau | |
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| **Subject:** | **Member State consultation on Determined draft revised Recommendations ITU-T A.8 for approval at the ITU-T TSAG meeting (Geneva, 22-26 January 2024)** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 TSAG intends to apply the Traditional Approval Procedure as described in Section 9 of WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Geneva, 2022) for the approval of the above-mentioned draft Recommendations at its next meeting in Geneva, 22-26 January 2024. The agenda and all relevant information concerning the TSAG meeting will be available in [Collective letter 3](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-TSAG-COL-0003).

2 The titles, summaries and locations of the draft ITU-T Recommendations proposed for approval can be found in **Annex 1**.

**TSB NOTE 1** - No ITU-T A.5 justification document has been prepared for any of these determined draft texts.

**TSB NOTE 2** – As of the date of this Circular, no IPR statement had been received by TSB regarding any of these draft texts. For up-to-date information, members are invited to consult the IPR database at [www.itu.int/ipr/](http://www.itu.int/ipr/).

3 This Circular initiates the formal consultation with ITU Member States on whether these texts may be considered for approval at the upcoming meeting, in accordance with clause 9.4 of Resolution 1. Member States are kindly requested to complete and return the form in **Annex 2** by 2359 hours UTC on **10 January 2024.**

4 If 70% or more of the replies from Member States support consideration for approval, one Plenary session will be devoted to applying the approval procedure. Member States that do not assign authority to proceed should inform the Director of TSB of the reasons for this opinion and indicate the possible changes that would enable the work to progress.

Yours faithfully,

Seizo Onoe  
Director of the Telecommunication  
Standardization Bureau

**Annexes:** 2

Annex 1

Summary and location of Determined draft revised Recommendation ITU‑T A.8

# Draft revised Recommendation ITU-T A.8 [[TSAG-R3](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T22-TSAG-R-0003)]

Alternative approval process for new and revised ITU-T Recommendations

## Summary

Recommendation ITU-T A.8 provides working methods and procedures for approving draft new and revised ITU-T Recommendations using the alternative approval process.

While this edition does not modify the alternative approval process, it:

* consolidates into ITU-T A.8 text concerning steps following updates to normative references during comment resolution (mirroring text from ITU-T A.5);
* streamlines the deadlines for availability of resolved drafts after comment resolution;
* reinstates the provisions from ITU-T A.8 (2008) which are more accurate concerning the deletion of Recommendations approved under AAP;
* includes a redrawn Figure 1 to better illustrate the various steps of the AAP, with updates to the respective notes.

Annex 2

Subject: Member State response to TSB Circular 111:  
Consultation on Determined draft revised Recommendation ITU-T A.8

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Dear Sir/Madam,

With respect to the Member State consultation on the Determined draft text(s) listed in TSB Circular 111, I would like to advise you of the opinion of this Administration, which is set out in the table below.

|  | **Select one of the two boxes** |
| --- | --- |
| **Draft revised Recommendation ITU-T A.8** | **assigns authority** to TSAG to consider this text for approval (in which case, select one of the two options ⃝):  ⃝ No comments or suggested changes  ⃝ Comments and suggested changes are attached |
| **does not assign authority** to TSAG to consider this text for approval (reasons for this opinion and an outline of possible changes that would enable the work to progress are attached) |

Yours faithfully,

[Name]

[Official role/title]

Administration of [Member State]

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