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| **LIAISON STATEMENT** |
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| **For information to:** | Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) |
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| **Abstract:** | This liaison shares ITU-T Study Group 2 (SG2) views on the proposed joint correspondence group on IoT identification and NNAI (CG-Identification) and instead proposes a series of three virtual joint meetings between Q1/2 and Q6/20 prior to TSAG in May 2025. |

ITU-T Study Group 2 (SG2) thanks ITU-T Study Group 20 (SG20) for its proposal to establish a joint correspondence group on IoT identification and NNAI (CG-Identification). SG2 supports the spirit of the proposal and shares SG20’s interest in fulfilling WTSA Action [39A1/1]. From a process perspective, however, a correspondence group is not best suited to accomplish the task at hand, for several reasons:

* Correspondence groups generally do not attract much active participation and can easily become buried among many competing priorities. Moreover, an exchange of emails does not lend itself to the kind of nuanced discussion required for this topic. We appreciate that ITU-T experts face a jam-packed calendar of meetings; however, we believe that a short burst of focused effort would prove more effective at accomplishing this discrete task.
* Relatedly, regarding timing, we view the WTSA Action as concrete, narrow, and time limited, whereas the proposed CG-Identification is broad and open-ended. We interpret the instruction to “report to TSAG” as an incentive to conclude this action item by the TSAG meeting in May 2025. It is critical “to determine a demarcation line for IoT identification and NNAI aspects” as early in the Study Period as possible, so that each Study Group can proceed accordingly with its respective work. An open-ended coordination mechanism runs the risk of dragging on for the entire Study Period with no definitive outcome, to the detriment of both Study Groups.

(There may very well be value in establishing a standing joint mailing list between SG2 and SG20, akin to the proposed t25cg‑identification@lists.itu.int, to foster ongoing collaboration between the two Study Groups on issues of mutual interest. This is a separate question, however, from how best to fulfil the specific WTSA Action Item in the most timely manner.)

Therefore, **instead of CG-Identification, SG2 proposes a series of three virtual joint meetings between Q1/2 and Q6/20 (the relevant Questions) prior to TSAG in May 2025**, which can more efficiently and effectively achieve the same underlying goals motivating the original proposal.

We welcome the nomination of Mr Jun Seob LEE (WP2/20 Chair) as the co-chair for SG20, and likewise put forward Mr Phil RUSHTON (WP1/2 Chair) as the co-chair from SG2.

We recognize that SG20 will not be meeting next until 16-26 September 2025; however, our proposed alternative approach need not introduce any delay, since SG20 could consider this LS/o/r via the SG20 mailing list (or other such internal consultation processes).

Should SG20 agree, the meeting co-chairs (in consultation with the SG Chairs and their respective management teams and TSB Secretariats) could then coordinate to identify mutually agreeable dates within the next few months, which could then be announced via the SG2 and SG20 mailing lists.

The meeting co-chairs (in consultation with the SG Chairs and their respective management teams) would also be responsible for developing specific agendas for the meetings, to promote productive discussion and facilitate successful conclusion of the WTSA Action Item. (The agendas would focus on discussing the demarcation line for IoT identification and NNAI, and the output would be the draft report to TSAG.)

We look forward to your positive reply, and to continued cooperation and coordination throughout the 2025-2028 Study Period.

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