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| **Title:** | LS/i/r on the creation of new ITU-T work items and definitions on Terrestrial and satellite Radiocommunication Issues (reply to TSAG-LS52) [from ITU-R RAG] |
| **LIAISON STATEMENT** |
| **For action to:** | TSAG |
| **For information to:** | ITU-T SG2, SG3 and CCT |
| **Approval:** | ITU-R RAG meeting, 17 April 2025 |
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Please see below.

**Reply Liaison Statement to TSAG (copy to ITU-T SG2, SG3 and CCT) on the
Creation of New ITU-T Work Items and Definitions on Terrestrial and Satellite Radiocommunication Issues**

During its 32nd Meeting held in April 2025, RAG considered numerous liaison statements relating to ITU-T new work items and definitions on terrestrial and satellite radiocommunication issues such as International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) ([RAG/25](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0025), [RAG/28](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0028), and [RAG/29](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0029)), unmanned aerial vehicles ([RAG/17](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0017) and [RAG/32](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0032)), and retail satellite connectivity ([RAG/19](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0019) and [RAG/26](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0026)) where there is overlap with the scope of the ITU-R on technical and regulatory matters related to radiocommunications.

RAG also considered and appreciated several liaison statements from ITU-T on steps that they are already taking to address this overlap with ITU-R ([RAG/22](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0022) and [RAG/46](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0046)).

As it has previously concluded, “RAG is very concerned about the growing trend in ITU-T of addressing matters that are uniquely within the mandates of ITU-R Study Groups” and “stresses that both the ITU-T and ITU-R should avoid initiating any work that is clearly within the mandate of the other sector” (see § 10 of Administrative Circular [CA/267](https://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0267/en), from the May 2023 RAG meeting).

Furthermore, RAG welcomes the conclusion of TSAG in [RAG/22](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=R23-RAG-C-0022) that “TSAG therefore urges all ITU Study Groups to engage with relevant ITU-R Study Groups and Working Parties to carry out necessary cooperation and coordination as stipulated in CV197F and Resolution 18 (WTSA, Geneva 2022) before initiating study on any work item such as UAV, satellite and propagation topics which might have an impact on terrestrial and space radiocommunication services.” RAG also notes that IMT is such a topic.

RAG requests TSAG and the ITU-T Study Groups to remain within their mandates on telecommunication standardization other than radio spectrum and orbital resources and take further steps to avoid the potential for overlap of the ITU-T sector into the work of the ITU-R sector on technical and regulatory matters related to radiocommunications. RAG requests that TSAG review the items above and provide appropriate guidance to the concerned ITU-T Study Groups so as to avoid any work that is within the scope of the ITU-R.

RAG also recommends that the ITU-T use more precise wording within the scope of the ITU-T sector to avoid overlap with the ITU-R. When using a term that is in the Radio Regulations, ITU-T should ensure that its usage is consistent with the Radio Regulations. As regards the proposals for a new term, “UAV telecom service”, the RAG draw the attention of ITU-T and TSAG to the fact that this term overlaps with the terminology of the Radio Regulations, and to a certain degree contradicts it.

Furthermore, when sending liaison statements to the ITU-R, ITU-T Study Groups and Working Parties should send such statements to their counterpart ITU-R Study Groups or Working Parties for consideration of potential overlap or area of collaboration before raising the matter to RAG. RAG also requests that TSAG advise the ITU-T Study Groups to allocate adequate time if responses are being sought from ITU-R Study Groups before final approval of new work items or definitions.

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