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| **Abstract:** | This document provides information for TSAG decision whether SG17 JCA-COP should be terminated. |

# Background

[Joint Coordination Activity on Child Online Protection (JCA-COP)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/jca/COP/Pages/default.aspx) was established by ITU-T SG17 in March 2012 with SG17 as parent group. It has been dormant in the past two study periods (2017-2022 and 2022-2024).

SG17 is engaged on a significant modernization program which first version can be found in [SG17-TD75/P](https://www.itu.int/md/T25-SG17-250408-TD-PLEN-0075/en).

# SG17 discussion

South Africa submitted [C662](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-SG17-C-0662/en) to SG17 meeting in Feb 2024, proposing either to reactivate JCA-COP (without concrete proposal to revise its Terms of Reference (ToR)) or to establish a dedicated Lead Study Group to bolster Child Online Protection efforts. In the end this SG17 meeting established a [Correspondence Group on Child Online Protection (CG-COP)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2025-2028/17/Pages/correspondence-groups.aspx), co-chaired by South Africa and Qatar. This CG-COP has been active and completed a [gap analysis report on COP standardization](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T25-SG17-250408-TD-PLEN-0042) until March 2025.

In the first SG17 meeting of this study period, SG17 reviewed all its JCAs and CGs and made respective decisions whether to renew each of them with updated ToR. Given that no input received on JCA-COP and SG17 decision to renew the CG-COP with updated ToR, SG17 Chair suggested to terminate this dormant JCA-COP. However, consensus could not be reached. After lengthy discussion, taken into consideration that:

1. The first TSAG meeting is closely following the first SG17 meeting;
2. Pursuant to Clause 6.9 of Recommendation ITU-T A.18:

 "A JCA will be reviewed at the first TSAG meeting following the WTSA. A specific decision **must** be taken on the continuation of the JCA, potentially with adjusted terms of reference."

SG17 meeting agreed to invite ITU Membership to submit input to TSAG meeting to decide whether JCA-COP should be terminated.

# Conclusion

Since TSAG has not received any written contribution on JCA-COP after the Contribution deadline, SG17 Chair would provide this TD as background information for consideration of TSAG with regard to JCA-COP.

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