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| **Abstract:** | TSAGwould like to **remind ITU-T Study Groups that when initiating new work items attention should be paid to the scope in order not to exceed the mandate of the ITU or the specific mandates assigned to them by WTSA-24**. |

To ensure that ITU-T activities remain aligned with its core mandate in telecommunications and ICTs, TSAG would like to remind Study Groups that when initiating new work items **attention should be paid to the scope in order not to** fall outside their telecommunications/ICT competence. This includes, but is not limited to, work related to non-telecommunications service or applications aspects, such as with military implications, UAVs or defense-related technologies. Contributions that propose ICT support functions (*e.g.*, secure connectivity, data transmission protocols, interoperability standards) for non-military technologies and services may be considered, provided they remain within the telecommunications/ICT domain.

Additionally, Study Group Chairs and TSB can play an important role in helping ensure new work items fall within the ITU-T’s mandate. While ITU-T is a member-driven, contribution-led organization, Study Group leadership and the TSB are well-positioned to remind participants of the organization’s scope if needed and help avoid overlap and duplication of work.

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