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| **Title:** | | LS/i/r on the resolution of AAP comments (reply to TSAG-LS44) [from ITU-T SG11] | | | |
| **LIAISON STATEMENT** | | | | | |
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| **For information to:** | | | All ITU-T Study Groups | | |
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| **Abstract:** | This liaison statement provides ITU-T SG11 reply to [TSAG-LS44](https://www.itu.int/ifa/t/2022/ls/tsag/sp17-tsag-oLS-00044.zip) on the resolution of AAP comments, which was triggered by the proposal in TSAG-C95 (Rep. of Korea) that aimed to discuss possible clarifications on the process for resolution of comments received by a study group during an AAP Last Call. |

This reply to liaison statement was developed during the ITU-T Study Group 11 meeting held in Geneva from 19 to 28 February 2025. It provides a response to [TSAG-LS44](https://www.itu.int/ifa/t/2022/ls/tsag/sp17-tsag-oLS-00044.zip) ([SG11-TD146/GEN](https://www.itu.int/md/T25-SG11-250219-TD-GEN-0146/en)). SG11 has examined the request from TSAG and agreed to provide feedback against each specific item as follows:

*TSAG Question a): Are there particular guidelines that your study group implement when resolving AAP comments?*

**SG11 answer to a):**ITU-T SG11 does not have any specific guideline for resolving AAP Last Call comments. As per the experience, the AAP LC comments, received during the last call phase, are handled by the Rapporteur, the editors and the submitters. The comments are discussed via emails and/or conf calls. Usually, the comments are resolved in a short period of time in order to start the additional review. However, sometimes, as there is no strict deadline to get appropriate feedback from the submitters on proposed comments resolution, this period can take more time (e.g. months). In this regard, the agreement of comment resolution may be delayed sufficiently.

*TSAG Question b): Do you think that harmonizing these guidelines for all study groups would be useful, or is better to leave these details to the purview of each study group, taking into account their established practice?*

**SG11 answer to b):**Based on past experiences in SG11, the current ITU-T A.8 recommendation has worked well for SG11. However, a clear approach to AAP last call comment resolution should be reflected in A.8 recommendation as far as possible.

*TSAG Question c): Do you think that* [*Rec. ITU‑T A.8*](https://itu.int/ITU-T/A.8) *requires further text to clarify the comment resolution process to follow up on comments received during AAP Last Call or Additional Review, or is the in-force edition of* [*Rec. ITU‑T A.8*](https://itu.int/ITU-T/A.8) *sufficient? In the former case, would the change suggested in clause 4.4.2 of* [*TSAG-TD628R1*](https://www.itu.int/md/T22-TSAG-240729-TD-GEN-0628/en) *be useful for your study group?*

**SG11 answer to c):**In principle, the current in-force version of Recommendation ITU-T A.8 is sufficient for resolving the comments submitted during the AAP. However, the additional criteria proposed in cl.4.4.2 might help to speed up the process.

*TSAG Question d):* *In case* [*Rec. ITU‑T A.8*](https://itu.int/ITU-T/A.8) *is updated and a deadline for confirming comments is added, would "6 weeks" be a reasonable period after which the study group chair may consider that the comment resolution is agreeable to all, even to those who did not respond explicitly to confirm it?*

**SG11 answer to d):**

In case [Rec. ITU‑T A.8](https://itu.int/ITU-T/A.8) is updated and a deadline for confirming comments is added, SG11 believes that "6 weeks" would be a reasonable period.

ITU-T SG11 hopes this feedback helps TSAG to address the subject. SG11 remains committed to maintaining a continuous collaboration with TSAG.

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