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| **Abstract:** | This liaison statement requests ITU-T TSAG to establish Joint Correspondence Group on Trust (Joint-CG-Trust) under the auspices of TSAG. |

ITU-T Study Group 17 reviewed the SG20 liaison statement about Joint Correspondence group on Trust (CG-Trust) in [SG17 TD28-GEN](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T25-SG17-250408-TD-GEN-0028) and two Contributions regarding Trust in [SG17-C44](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T25-SG17-C-0044) and [SG17-C109](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T25-SG17-C-0109) at its 8-17 April 2025 SG17 meeting.

It is noted that WTSA-24 in October 2024 approved WTSA-24 Action 8 ("trust" (including trusted information) and "trustworthiness") in as follows: *WTSA-24 instructs ITU-T study groups, inter alia Study Groups 13, 17 and 20, to establish a coordination mechanism amongst the study groups in order to deliberate on the topic of "trust" (including trusted information) and "trustworthiness", and report to TSAG.*

ITU-T Study Group 17 is pleased to suggest that ITU-T TSAG establish a Joint Correspondence Group on Trust under its auspicious. In addition we inform ITU-T TSAG about the draft ToR of joint CG on Trust as described in Annex A, which is revised from the liaison statement in [SG17 TD28-GEN](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T25-SG17-250408-TD-GEN-0028).

ITU-T SG17 looks forward to keeping continued collaboration with you on this topic.

Annex A  
Draft Terms of Reference of the Joint Correspondence Group on Trust (Joint-CG-Trust)

1 Scope and objectives

WTSA-24 in October 2024 approved WTSA-24 Action on COM4/2 (Trust) in draft proceedings of WTSA-24 as follows: WTSA-24 instructs ITU-T study groups, inter alia Study Groups 13, 17 and 20, to establish a coordination mechanism amongst the study groups in order to deliberate on the topic of "trust" (including trusted information) and "trustworthiness", and report to TSAG.

The Joint-CG-Trust will deliberate on the topic of “trust” (including trusted information) and “trustworthiness”, to implement the action requested by WTSA-24. In particular, this deliberation would include:

– Explore the concept of trust in the context of telecom and ICTs.

– Review existing standards and frameworks related to trust and trustworthiness.

– Identify key components of a comprehensive trust framework.

– Develop a basis for a unified definition of trust suitable for standard development organizations (SDOs).

– Discuss the implementation and challenges of adopting trust standards in telecom and ICT sectors.

– Provide insights into future directions and research opportunities in trust standardization.

The objectives are to assist the associated Study Groups’ chairs in preparing a report to TSAG on the topic of trust.

2 Work methods

– The parent entity of Joint-CG-Trust is TSAG.

– Open to all ITU-T SG13, SG17 and SG20 members.

– The results of the Joint-CG-Trust activities will be reported one month prior to each Study Group meeting.

– The Joint-CG-Trust activities will primarily be conducted through the dedicated mailing list t25jcg trust@lists.itu.int but may also include virtual meetings as agreed upon. These virtual meetings will be organized using meeting tools supported by TSB.

– Meeting announcements, including the draft agenda, will be distributed via e-mail at least one week in advance.

– The Joint-CG-Trust Co-convenors will be appointed by the associated Study Groups, respectively.

– The Joint-CG-Trust will remain active until an agreement is reached by TSAG. .

– The Joint-CG-Trust will report to the respective Study Groups and TSAG until the task is concluded.

– The potential extension of the Joint-CG-Trust will be decided by TSAG upon input from the associated Study Groups.

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