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| **Ref:** | TSB Circular 67**CB** | **To:**- Administrations of Member States of the Union;- ITU-T Sector Members;- The State of Palestine (Res. 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018));- ITU-T Associates;- ITU Academia**Copy to:**- The chairs and vice-chairs of ITU-T study groups;- The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau;- The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau;- The Directors of the ITU Regional Offices |
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| **Subject:** | **Establishment of the Joint Correspondence Group on IoT security (JCG-IoTSec) and** **its first meeting (Geneva, 17 September 2025)** |
| Dear Sir/Madam,1 Following the agreement by the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at its meeting held from 26 to 30 May 2025, I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Joint Correspondence Group on IoT security (JCG-IoTSec). This letter also provides information on the facilities put in place for its operation, as well as details of its first meeting.2 The scope of the JCG-IoTSec is to deliberate on the topic of Internet of Things Security, as a response to WTSA-24 Action 7 (see [WTSA-24 Proceedings, Part II](https://www.itu.int/pub/T-REG-LIV.1-2024)). The JCG-IoTSec is open to all entities entitled to attend standardization activities of ITU-T Study Groups 17 and 20. The terms of reference are set out in **Annex A**.3 TSAG appointed Mr Bret Jordan, WP2/17 Chair and Mr Ramy Ahmed Fathy, WP3/20 Chair, as nominated by Study Group 17 and Study Group 20 respectively, as JCG-IoTSec Co-convenors.4 A dedicated webpage for the JCG-IoTSec has been set up at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/jcg/iotsec/> as well as a document collaboration area at <https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/jcg/iotsec>. An ITU account with TIES access is needed to enter the collaboration area.5 The work of the JCG-IoTSec will primarily be conducted through its mailing list, however it may also include physical or virtual meetings using meeting tools supported by the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB). To enable your participate in its discussions, you are requested to subscribe to the dedicated mailing list (jcgiotsec@lists.itu.int), via [this link](https://www.itu.int/net4/iwm/?p0=0&p11=ITU&p12=ITU-SEP-ITU-T-SEP-Other%20Groups-SEP-jcgiotsec&p21=ITU&p22=ITU), or through the [MyWorkspace application](https://www.itu.int/myworkspace/#/Mailing).6 The first meeting of JCG-IoTSec will be held at the headquarters of ITU in Geneva, on **17 September 2025** from **1300 to 1400 hours Geneva time**. The JCG-IoTSec meeting will take place in conjunction with the meeting of ITU-T Study Group 20 on “Internet of Things, digital twins and smart sustainable cities and communities” that will take place from 15 to 25 September 2025.7 The draft agenda of the meeting is available as [JCG-IoTSec-I-Doc001](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/jcg/trust/input/JCG-Trust-I-001.docx).8 Remote participation will be provided via [MyMeetings](https://www.itu.int/myworkspace/#/E-meetings). Please submit input to this first meeting by e-mail to its secretary at tsbjcgiotsec@itu.int by **10 September 2025.**I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting. |
| Yours faithfully,A black text on a white background  AI-generated content may be incorrect.Seizo OnoeDirector of the TelecommunicationStandardization Bureau**Annex**: 1 | More information |

ANNEX A
Terms of Reference for the Joint Correspondence Group on IoT security

(JCG-IoTSec)

([TSAG-R1](https://www.itu.int/md/T25-TSAG-R-0001/en) Annex D; Geneva, 2025-05-30)

### Scope and objectives

WTSA-24 meeting (New Delhi, 15 – 24 October 2024) approved WTSA-24 Action 7 (IoT Security) as follows:

WTSA-24 instructs Study Groups 17 and 20 to establish a joint coordination or agreement mechanism between the study groups to determine a demarcation line on the topic of IoT security, and report to TSAG.

The Joint Correspondence Group on IoT Security (JCG-IoTSec) will deliberate on the topic of Internet of things (IoT) security, to implement the action requested by WTSA-24. In particular, this deliberation would include:

* Review and analyse the current scope of IoT security-related activities in SG17 and SG20;
* Identify overlap, synergy, and potential gaps in standardization activity on IoT security;
* Establish a demarcation line between SG17 and SG20 responsibilities in IoT security; and
* Propose coordination mechanisms and working arrangements to TSAG, if needed.

The objectives are to assist the Study Group 17 and Study Group 20 Chairs in preparing a report to TSAG on the demarcation line for IoT security.

### Work methods

* The parent entity of JCG-IoTSec is TSAG.
* JCG-IoTSec is open to organizations participating in ITU-T SG17 and SG20.
* The results of the JCG-IoTSec activities will be reported one month prior to each meeting of Study Group 17 and Study Group 20, respectively.
* The JCG-IoTSec activities will primarily be conducted through the dedicated mailing list (jcgiotsec@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 JCG-IoTSec Co-Convenors are Mr Bret Jordan, chair of WP2/17 and Mr Ramy Ahmed Fathy, Chair of WP3/20, as appointed by Study Group 17 and Study Group 20, respectively.
* The JCG-IoTSec may propose draft revisions to its terms of reference, as needed, to ensure continued relevance and responsiveness to evolving priorities.
* The JCG-IoTSec will remain active until an agreement is reached by TSAG.
* The JCG-IoTSec will report to the respective Study Groups and TSAG until the task is concluded.
* The potential extension of the JCG-IoTSec will be decided by TSAG upon input from the associated Study Groups.

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