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| **LIAISON STATEMENT** |
| **For action to:** | IEC TC100, ISO/IEC JTC 1, ISO/IEC JTC 1 SWG-A  |
| **For comment to:** | - |
| **For information to:** | All ITU-T Study Groups, TSAG JCA-AHF,  |
| **Approval:** | Agreed to at FG AVA meeting (Geneva, 26 May 2011) |
| **Deadline:** | 1 September 2011 |
| **Contact:** | Peter Olaf LoomsChairman, ITU-T FG AVA | Email: polooms@gmail.com |

The ITU-T Focus Group on Audiovisual Media Accessibility (FG AVA) is pleased to inform you that we started work and made progress at our first meeting in Geneva, 26 May 2011. The chairman of the group is Mr Peter Olaf Looms (EBU and Denmark), assisted by vice-chairmen Messrs Masahito Kawamori (NTT, Japan), Clyde Smith (Turner Broadcasting System, USA) and Axel Leblois (G3ict).

The FG AVA decided to organize the work in Working Groups (WGs) and assigned Working Group Coordinators (WGCs) as follows:

* WG 1 – Captioning
*Clyde Smith (ITU-T FG AVA Vice-chair)*
* WG 2 – Audio/Video description and spoken captions
*Pilar Orero (Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain) and Aline Remael (University College Artesis, Belgium)*
* WG 3 – Visual signing and sign language
*Takayuki Ito (NHK, Japan)*
* WG 4 – Emerging access services
*David Wood (EBU)*
* WG 5 – Electronic Programming Guides and on-air promotion
*Peter Olaf Looms (ITU-T FG AVA Chair)*
* WG 6 – Participation and digital media
*Pradipta Biswas (University of Cambridge, UK)*
* WG 7 – Digital Broadcast Television
*Nick Tanton (BBC, UK) and Peter Mølsted (DR/Danish Broadcasting Corporation)*
* WG 8 – IPTV
*Masahito Kawamori (ITU-T FG AVA Vice-chair)*
* WG 9 – Mobile and handheld devices
*Axel Leblois (ITU-T FG AVA Vice-chair)*
* WG 10 – Key Performance Indicators for the accessibility of broadcast television, IPTV and metadata, mobile and hand-held devices
*Peter Olaf Looms (ITU-T FG AVA Chair), Masahito Kawamori (ITU-T FG AVA Vice-chair) and Axel Leblois (ITU-T FG AVA Vice-chair)*

More information on the group can be found at <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ava>.

As there are many work areas of common interest, and with the intention to maximize coordination, FG AVA would like to establish a Liaison relationship with ISO/IEC JTC 1 and IEC TC 100. To this end, FG AVA agreed to appoint Mrs Ulrike Haltrich (Sony Europe) as ITU-T FG AVA Liaison Officer to ISO/IEC JTC 1 and IEC TC 100. We would look forward to having representatives from ISO/IEC JTC 1 and IEC TC 100 into the FG AVA.

Independent of official liaison roles, ISO/IEC JTC 1 and IEC TC 100 members can also participate in individual capacity. Those wishing to take part in FG AVA and its working groups can register for the Focus Group and details can be found in the section dedicated to **“FG AVA Meetings”** and **“FG AVA FTP area and Mailing list”** of the FG AVA homepage.

ITU-T FG AVA looks forward to working closely with ISO/IEC JTC 1 and IEC TC 100.

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