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Dear Andrea and TSB colleagues,

The ITU-D Study Groups would like to express its thanks for the liaison statement that was sent to ITU-D SG1 and SG2 from the ITU-T JCA-AHF Convener (available on your website at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/jca/ahf/Pages/documents.aspx#201106> in document 115), inviting participants to ITU-D Study Groups to consider the content of the document. We note that the JCA-AHF Convener was expecting comments on the document before the next JCA-AHF meeting, which we understand will be held on 24 November 2011. Within ITU-D Study Group 2 there has been discussion regarding how best to proceed with the gathering of feedback on the document given that the liaison was not discussed during its most recent meeting in September 2011.

ITU-D Study Group 2 Question 14-3/2, which is dedicated to “Information and telecommunications/ICTs for e-Health”, would like to include this document “Industry Guideline on Mobile Medical Applications” in the list of items to be discussed during their next meeting which will be held in Geneva in the week of 7-11 May 2012. After the document has been discussed and debated during that meeting, ITU-D Study Group 2 and Question 14-3/2 would like to send a detailed response to the liaison. The Rapporteur of this Question together with the BDT Focal Point on matters that concern e-Health note that it would be important to inform the delegates that are involved in the work of Question 14-3/2 about the accessibility standards for IP technologies and devices since the activities related to mobile medical applications (mHealth) are growing worldwide and involving an increasing number of companies and organizations, and get their detailed feedback on this in order to respond to the liaison.

We hope that the ITU-T JCA-AHF Convener and the group understand these reasons for a delay in the response to the liaison.

Kind regards, Christine