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| **Purpose:** | |  | | | |
| **LIAISON STATEMENT** | | | | | |
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| **For information to:** | | | Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV) | | |
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ITU-T SG15 thanks Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV) for its liaisons statements:

* TD142-GEN-Ref.: [SCV - LS 15 -E](http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/ls/sp16-scv-oLS-00015.docx) on Definition of broadband access

and

* TD143-GEN-Ref.: [SCV - LS 16 -E](http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/ls/sp16-scv-oLS-00016.docx) on New ITU-T SG13 terms and definitions

The experts of ITU-T SG15 Working Party WP1/15 have reviewed both liaisons and would like to respond as following:   
  
1) TD142-GEN on definition of broadband access

ITU-T SG15 does not recommend stating a minimum data rate “greater than 2 Mbits/s” in the definition of broadband access set by the ITU as it could potentially create misunderstanding among the broadband industry and regulators possibly discrediting ITU-T SG15 standardization works with respect to broadband access.

Worldwide, many countries are implementing broadband deployment programmes based on minimum data rates defined by their respective regulators. The minimum data rates depend on the ICT environment of their countries including their access network infrastructures and evolve with the technologies deployed for the broadband access. These current minimum data rates are typically significantly higher than 2 Mbits/s.

Therefore ITU-T SG15 maintains its proposed definition for broadband access as it has previously provided: Access in which the connection(s) capabilities support data rates significantly greater than the narrowband rate access.

2) TD143-GEN on New ITU-T SG13 terms and definitions

SG15 took note of the four terms and definitions provided by ITU-T SG13 for consideration and comments.

SG15 has no particular comments or specific positions to express regarding these four terms and definitions as they belong to commonly used technical vocabulary words.

ITU-T SG15 looks forward to continuing its cooperation with Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV).