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This liaison answers [SCV-LS15](http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/ls/sp16-scv-oLS-00015.docx) (our [SG20-TD682](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG20-180506-TD-GEN-0682/en)).

ITU-T Study Group 20 would like to thank SCV for the LS on definition of broadband access.

Bearing in mind the request from ITU-T Standardization Committee for Vocabulary, ITU-T Study Group 20 would like to provide its opinion on the definition of “broadband access”. It is observed that neither of the definitions provided are free of limitations.

It is also noted that there is no definition for the term “narrowband access” given in the ITU database. In this regard, the definition based on the term “broadband access” may also be less preferable.

ITU-T Study Group 20 would like to highlight that with reference to the two definitions given in the received LS, the following definition could be more favoured.

**[1] broadband access**: *Access in which the connection(s) capabilities support data rates greater than 2 Mbit/s.*

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