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| **Keywords:** | terms; definitions |
| **Abstract:** | The ITU-T Editing Guidelines place term and definition checking with the Recommendation author, whereas the WTSA Resolution 67 assume the term and definition knowledge resides with the Study Group Vocabulary Rapporteur. It would be more relevant SCV to remind Study group Recommendation authors of ITU-T Editing Guidelines Annex D. |

This liaison statement answers [SCV-LS26](http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/ls/sp16-scv-oLS-00026.docx).

ITU-T Study Group 5 would like to thank the Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV) for the liaison statement on approval of new terms and definitions and the reminder on the WTSA Resolution 67. In this regard, there is an operational conflict that ITU-T SG5 wishes to bring to the attention of the SCV.

WTSA Resolution 67 instructs the SCV to provide consultation on terms and definitions with various people including Study Group Rapporteurs for vocabulary. Unfortunately, the Rapporteurs for vocabulary are not automatically sending the terms and definitions of new or revised Recommendations.

The ITU-T Editing Guidelines (02/2016) *Author's guide for drafting ITU-T Recommendations* does not contain any requirement to involve a vocabulary Rapporteur, rather it falls to the Recommendation author to conduct term and definition checks per clause 8.3, Annex B and Annex D. Annex D contains the instruction that the draft should contain definitions that have been developed after consulting the ITU-T Terms and Definitions database and following the guidance of the standardization committee for vocabulary (SCV). WTSA Resolution 67 expects the designated Study Group Vocabulary Rapporteur to work with the SCV, while the ITU-T Editing Guidelines instructs the Recommendation author to work with the SCV.

Thus, ITU-T SG5 believes that it is more relevant to remind Recommendation authors of their responsibility on terms and definitions. A curious omission is that there is no reference to the use of other standards organisation definition databases for checking, such as the IEC Glossary.

ITU-T SG5 looks forward to cooperating closely with SCV.

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