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| **For information to:** | ITU-T Standardization Committee for Vocabulary |
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| **Abstract:** | This liaison statement contains a response to the incoming liaison statement on approval of new terms and definitions received from the ITU-T Standardization Committee for Vocabulary. |

ITU-T Study Group 13 would like to thank ITU-T Standardization Committee for Vocabulary for incoming Liaison Statement on approval of new terms and definitions (Ref.: [**SCV-LS31**](https://www.itu.int/ifa/t/2017/ls/scv/sp16-scv-oLS-00031.docx) SG13 [**SG13-TD450/GEN**](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG13-200720-TD-GEN-0450/en)).

ITU-T SG13 took note of the provided clarification about the role of the Coordination Committee for Terminology (CCT) as facilitator in terminology matters, and took note of the request from CCT to Study Groups to include in their working methods the mechanisms necessary to ensure that the terms are shared with the CCT in a timely manner.

ITU-T SG13 supports the work of SCV and will encourage all the Rapporteurs to continue sharing new terms and definitions with SCV as early as possible.

ITU-T SG13 would like to reiterate the concerns raised in [**​SCV-T​D117**](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/committees/scv/Documents/SCV-TD117.docx) regarding the request from SCV to all study groups to send all terms and definitions to the Committee before approval. These concerns were given as follows:

* The coordination of certain terms and definitions may dramatically slow down the process of Recommendations’ approval, which could not be acceptable because the objective of ITU-T is to shorten the recommendations’ approval process,
* Providing terms and definitions before being approved in a Recommendation should be avoided, because during the approval process some definitions may be changed.

ITU-T SG13 invites SCV to consider possible measures that could shorten the process of coordination of terms and definitions and avoid delaying the process of Recommendations’ approval, such as considering the possibility to increase the frequency of SCV meetings.

ITU-T SG13 is looking forward to continuing collaboration with SCV in the context of harmonization of terms and definitions.

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