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Working Party (WP) 5A thanks ITU-T Study Group (SG) 20 and the SCV for the opportunity to comment on the terms and definitions which appear in [Doc. 5A/1091](https://www.itu.int/md/R15-WP5A-C-1091/en).

WP 5A notices that generic terms, of applicability in many fields, are defined for a specific area of study. This could be a bit confusing when very known terms, such as ‘application layer’, are defined in a manner specific to M2M, for example, with reference to the terms listed for Recommendation [ITU-T Y.4500.1](http://www.itu.int/itu-t/workprog/wp_item.aspx?isn=14320):

“3.2.3 application layer: Layer comprising oneM2M applications and related business and operational logic”

WP 5A does not believe that it is the case that every application layer is comprising oneM2M applications, hence the suggested fix would be to define the term “M2M application layer”, rather than the broad term “application layer”, which is already defined in Recommendation [ITU-T X.519](https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-X.519/en) as “The top layer of the OSI seven layer model representing the semantics of the communication.”

There are a few cases like that that should be fixed.

WP 5A also would like to point out [Recommendation ITU-R M.1224](https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.1224/en) “Vocabulary of terms for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT)” which defines ‘interworking’ and related terms.

WP 5A looks forward to cooperating with ITU-T SG20 on this and related matters of common interest.

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