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**LIAISON STATEMENT TO Chairmen of ITU-T and ITU-R Study Groups, Chairmen of TSAG, TDAG, RAG, Chairmen of Radiocommunication Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV) and Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV)**

**Correspondence Group on the Elaboration of a Working Definition of the Term “ICT”**

28 October 2013

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| **To:** | Chairmen of ITU-T and ITU-R Study Groups, Chairmen of TSAG, TDAG, RAG, Chairmen of Radiocommunication Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV) and Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV) |
| **From:** | Chairman of ITU-D Study Group 1 |
| **For:** | Information |
| **Approval:** | Agreed at the meeting of the Correspondence Group on the Elaboration of a Working Definition of the Term “ICT” (Geneva, 8 September 2013) |
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The Correspondence Group on the Elaboration of a Working Definition of the Term “ICT” wishes to inform ITU-T and ITU-R Study Groups, Chairmen of TSAG, TDAG, RAG, Chairmen of CCV and SCV that the Group concluded its work on Sunday, 8 September 2013, agreeing on the following working definition:

***Technologies and equipment that handle (e.g., access, create, collect,  
store, transmit, receive, disseminate) information and communication.***

Twenty-eight proposed working definitions from thirty-five entities in twenty-six countries were received and considered.

The working definition was developed to comport with parameters and guidelines identified by the contributors to the Correspondence Group and approved at the September 8th meeting. Thus, this working definition is intended to be high-level and brief; technologically neutral; applicable to the ITU’s roles and responsibilities, and used in the context of the work, recommendations, and resolutions of the ITU’s three sectors.

The working definition is not intended to include content, services, software, or applications; interfere with the security or integrity of networks or personal data; appear in legally binding documents like the ITU Constitution or Convention, or expand the scope of ITU activities.

These results were reported to ITU-D Study Group 1 during its plenary meeting on 13 September 2013, and will be presented to TDAG 2013 for consideration and possible endorsement.

A report of the September 8th meeting can be found in document [CG01/040](http://www.itu.int/md/D10-CG01-C-0040) at: <http://www.itu.int/md/D10-CG01-C-0040> and the Final Report on the Outcome can be found in document [CG01/041](file:///C:/Users/Roxanne.McElvane/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.Outlook/KDM7GV4J/CG01/041) at <http://www.itu.int/md/D10-CG01-C-0041>.

The Group expresses sincere thanks for your interest, support and participation.

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