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STANDARDIZATION SECTOR****SCV TD 18**

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TD**Source:** SCV Chairman**Title:** Report of 4 December 2013 SCV virtual meeting**1. Introduction**

A virtual meeting of the Standardization Committee on Vocabulary (SCV) was held 4 December 2013. Dr. Imad Y. Hoballah (Lebanon) led the discussions of this meeting in his capacity as chairman of this committee. The list of participants is indicated in Annex 1 to this report.

2 Executive Summary

This meeting of SCV included 11 participants from 7 Administrations. This meeting considered liaisons from study groups of ITU-T and ITU-D. The meeting discussed in depth the working definition proposed by ITU-D SG 1 for the abbreviation "ICT" and requested that the TSB Director convey the points raised to the next TDAG meeting, where consideration will be made to forward the definition to the ITU Council.

3. Salient discussion**3.1 Discussion of input documents**

SCV_TD14 contains a liaison from ITU-T SG17 that indicates the selection by that study group of Mr Antonio Guimaraes as its vocabulary rapporteur. SCV_TD15 contains a liaison from ITU-T SG2 that indicates the selection by that study group of Mr. Dmitry Cherkesov as its vocabulary rapporteur. SCV_TD17 contains a liaison from ITU-T SG13 indicating its selection of Mr Leo Lehmann as its vocabulary rapporteur. These documents were noted.

SCV_TD16 contains a liaison from ITU-D SG1 that indicates the Correspondence Group on the Elaboration of a Working Definition of the Term "ICT" concluded its work, agreeing on the following working definition:

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

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One participant opined that the sentence restricting and specifying the scope of application of the definition should be considered part of the definition, even though that was not how the information was conveyed by ITU-D SG1.

In response to a question, it was pointed out that the origin of the work effort is derived from [PP Resolution 140](#) (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010), which requested Council "to elaborate through the Sector study groups and submit a working definition of the term 'ICT' to the Council and working groups of the Council, for possible transmission to the next plenipotentiary conference". For further information about the history of the work of the correspondence group created under the management of ITU-D SG1, the participants were directed to that group's website:

http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/study_groups/SGP_2010-2014/groups/definition/index.html.

The secretariat reminded the participants of the tradition within ITU-T of using only definitions decided by the experts who are active in the technical discussions and which are documented within ITU-T Recommendations, or which are contained in the basic texts of the Union. Several participants reinforced the value of continuing this practice.

It was questioned whether coordination was made with other standards development organizations prior to completing the work of the correspondence group. ITU-T is the sector that uses the abbreviation ICT frequently and ITU-T must harmonize its technical vocabulary with other standards development organizations.

The discussion raised the following points about the definition itself:

- ICT is an abbreviation for the term "information and communication technology", according to the final report from the Chairman of the Correspondence Group ([CG01-041](#)), while ISO and IEC define a different term – "information and communications technologies" – for the ICT abbreviation;
- 'Equipment' is not a technology and should not be part of a definition of a type of technology;
- The definition is recursive, because it incorporates the leading words of the term – information and communication;
- Material in parentheses is inserted as an explanation into a passage which is grammatically complete (but not correct due to singular/plural confusion) without it. Removing the parenthetical text gives "information and communication technology: Technologies that handle information and communication".

The participants agreed that TSB Director should be requested to share the views expressed here with TDAG when it considers action on the proposed definition.

3.2 Other business

Not any.

4. Summary of action items

The following, future actions were agreed by the participants:

1. TSB Director is requested to convey the views raised by SCV to TDAG relative to the working definition proposed by ITU-D SG 1 for the abbreviation "ICT".

5. Next meeting

As agreed at its last meeting, SCV will convene a face-to-face meeting on 17 June 2014, from 17h30 – 19h30 on the first day of the TSAG meeting in Geneva.

Annex 1

Participants in virtual meeting on 4 December 2013

Name	Organization
Dubuisson, Olivier	Orange (France)
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