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| **Keywords:** | Definition of broadband access |
| **Abstract:** | Study Group 12 reviewed the topic and strongly recommends to the SCV not to accept either of the proposals as common ITU definition. |

It was brought to the attention of SG12 that the SCV is still discussing the harmonization of the term broadband access across the ITU having the following to options on the table:

**[1] broadband access**: *Access in which the connection(s) capabilities support data rates greater than* *2 Mbit/s.*

**[2] broadband access:** *Access in which the connection(s) capabilities support data rates significantly greater than the narrowband rate access.*

Study Group 12 reviewed the topic and strongly recommends to the SCV not to accept either of the above as common ITU definition.

The term broadband in this context is technically not correct since it refers to what precisely should be referred to as internet access speed.

SG12 has made great progress in our work to define and harmonize a common Internet access capacity metric and latency metric with methods of measurement.

Once the metrics and measurement methods are approved, it is up to stakeholders to define their requirements in these dimensions, and avoid mentioning a numerical limit that will require frequent updates.

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