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**Question(s):**

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**LIAISON STATEMENT****Source:** Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV)**Title:** Definition of broadband access

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**LIAISON STATEMENT****For action to:** All ITU-T Study Groups**For comment to:** -**For information to:****Approval:** SCV-CCV meeting (23 November 2017)**Deadline:** 1st June 2018 (or at the conclusion of the next meeting of the SG)

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In reply to liaison statement SCV-LS 13, whereby the Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV) and the Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV) asked ITU-T Study Groups 2, 9, 11, 13 and 15, and ITU-D Study Group 1 for their views on a proposed definition for the term broadband access, the joint meeting of SCV and CCV received several comments that it wishes to share with all ITU-T study groups with the objective of seeking harmonization.

The following is the definition that had been initially proposed, and which was agreed upon by the ITU-R study groups:

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

Through LS to SCV-CCV (see [SCV-TD 66](#)) ITU-T SG11 expressed its agreement with this merged definition.

On the other hand, ITU-T SG15 (see [SCV-TD 65](#)) disagreed with the proposed definition and instead proposes:

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

Some concerns were raised with regard to the definition proposed in SCV-TD 65 which does not provide clear information on the narrowband rate access. Given these diverging definitions, SCV-CCV would request ITU-T SGs for their opinion with the view of seeking harmonization. It should be noted that although the rate of 2 Mbit/s in definition [1] is a rather low value, it is proposed as a minimum value, as expressed by ITU-T SG 11 (see [SCV-TD 66](#)) and ITU-R WP 5D (see [CCV/27](#)).

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