



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)
and
SAE International

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Place des Nations 1211, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland, and SAE International, with its principal place of business at 400 Commonwealth, Warrendale, PA 15096, USA. ITU and SAE International are hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” and jointly as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS ITU is an intergovernmental organization and the specialized agency of the United Nations for information and communication technologies (ICTs);

WHEREAS SAE International is an open voluntary consensus standards development organization with Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

WHEREAS the Parties share similar missions in the area(s) of Automated Driving System (ADS), connected car and vehicular communications, such as vehicle-to-everything (V2X) and intelligent transport systems (ITS), as well as communication technologies in the mobility sector and wish to cooperate in these areas of mutual concern to enhance the effectiveness of their efforts.

WHEREAS the Parties recognize the importance of establishing principles of cooperation between ITU and SAE International.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties wish to express their intention to cooperate as follows:

1 Scope of cooperation

- 1.1 The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (the “MoU”) is to provide a high-level, non-binding framework for non-exclusive cooperation between the Parties and to



facilitate and strengthen such cooperation to support ITU and SAE International in the areas of common interest identified below (collectively, the “Cooperation”).

- 1.2 Subject to their respective programmes of work and in accordance with their respective mandates, rules, regulations, policies and procedures, the Parties intent to cooperate and collaborate in the following areas of common interest:
- Support the ITU WTSA Resolution 104 - (New Delhi, 2024) “*Promoting and strengthening standardization activities for vehicular communications*”. This Resolution aligns with global efforts to enhance road safety, support automated driving, and contribute to sustainable development goals.
 - Promote ITU and SAE International activities in the area(s) of ADS, connected car, V2X and communication technologies in the mobility sector and improve the capacity of SAE International stakeholders that are members of ITU to engage in these activities effectively;
 - Exchange information on topics such as their respective strategies, capacity building activities, and other projects in the areas of mutual interest identified herein;
 - Cooperate on capacity building activities on thematic priorities of mutual interest, with focus on increased participation of women and younger generations and development activities contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and digital transformation;
 - Study the economic and social benefits of standardization;
 - Keep each other informed with respect to new and innovative ways of development and implementing ICT standards, withing their respective mandates;
 - Promote the economic and social benefits of standardization and conformity assessment, and provide technical assistance to developing countries, as per their respective rules and policies;
 - Strengthen collaboration to promote adoption of international standards within regulatory frameworks, including the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), and analyse the effect of the incorporation of international standards in technical regulations and regional or national laws. Develop information technology tools to support ITU standardization and SAE international activities in their respective sectors of expertise;
 - Support efforts to advance gender diversity and inclusion in ICT, while promoting professional development and science, technology, engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education to build a skilled technical workforce capable of contributing to emerging fields such as intelligent transport systems and their standardization
 - Support the implementation of ITU’s Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG) programme; and
 - Consider mutually participating in ITU and SAE International events in sector relevant activities which are open to the public at large, such as workshops, ITU/UNECE Future Networked Car Symposia, SAE GIM (Government Industry Meeting), and ITU Collaboration on ITS Communication Standards (CITS).



- 1.3 Any joint projects and activities agreed upon by the Parties shall be set down in one or more legally binding written agreements which will be separately negotiated, agreed to and signed by both Parties following the execution of this MOU.

2 Financing

- 2.1 This MOU does not constitute, and will not be deemed or construed as, any obligation or commitment of any type, whether express or implied, by either Party in respect of the provision of funds or financing; and any activities that may be conducted hereunder will be subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds and other resources.

3 Consultations and exchange of information

- 3.1 The Parties will, on a regular basis, keep each other informed of and consult on matters related to the Cooperation, which in their opinion are likely to lead to mutual collaboration
- 3.2 Consultation and exchange of information and documents under this MoU will be limited to non-confidential information.
- 3.3 The Parties shall, at such intervals as deemed appropriate, convene meetings to review the progress of activities being carried out under this MoU and to plan future activities.

4 Entry into force, duration, amendment, and termination

- 4.1 This MoU shall enter into force on the last date of its signature by the Parties, as indicated below, and remain valid for three (3) years, at the end of which it will be renewed once for an additional three (3) years, unless the Parties decide otherwise in writing.
- 4.2 No modification or change to this MoU shall be valid and enforceable unless provided by a valid written amendment hereto signed by both Parties.
- 4.3 Either Party may terminate this MoU at any time by giving the other Party written notice of three (3) months.

5 Dispute settlement

- 5.1 Any dispute, or controversy or claim between the Parties arising out of or relating to the MoU, or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, shall be settled amicably by the Parties through direct negotiation.

6 Final provisions

- 6.1 This MoU constitutes an expression of mutual good faith and does not create any binding obligations, express or implied, on either Party. Nothing contained in this MOU will give rise to any form of fiduciary or legal obligations or responsibilities by either Party.
- 6.2 Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture or employment between the Parties, or an authorization for either Party to act as the agent or representative of the other Party.



- 6.3 Neither Party shall use the name, emblem or initials of the other Party in connection with its activities without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- 6.4 Nothing relating to this MoU shall be deemed a waiver, express, or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of ITU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the respective Parties, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in the English language, in two (2) originals.

For International Telecommunication Union

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Mr Seizo Onoe
TSB Director

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

Date: 11 July 2025

For SAE International

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christian Thiele', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Christian Thiele
Sr Director Global Ground Vehicle Standards

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

Date: 11 July 2025