Terms of Reference -- Strengthening Collaboration Rapporteur Group

1. This rapporteur group is established in accordance with Resolution 81 of the World Telecommunication Standards Assembly (*Dubai, 2012*) to examine existing methods and approaches to collaboration and/or cooperation with other standards organizations, with the view to encouraging ITU-T and other SDOs to work more collaboratively and/or cooperatively in a reciprocal manner based on mutual respect

2. The rapporteur group shall, through TSAG, establish and maintain a close relationship with the Review Committee in order to develop synergies with the objective of strengthening collaboration between ITU-T and other standards bodies.

3. Review the following base documents taking into account the relevant instructs of WTSA-12:

–               [Recommendation ITU-T A.1](http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A.1) – *Work methods for study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector*;

–               [Recommendation ITU-T A.4](http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A.4) – *Communication process between ITU-T and Forums and Consortia*;

–               [Recommendation ITU-T A.5](http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A.5) – *Generic procedures for including references to documents of other organizations in ITU-T Recommendations*; and

–               [Recommendation ITU-T A.6](http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A.6) – *Cooperation and exchange of information between ITU-T and national and regional standards development organizations*.

4. Review existing in place models for collaboration between ITU-T and other standards bodies and propose improvements to TSAG.  Notably these are:

–               [Recommendation ITU-T A.23](http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A.23) – *Guide for ITU-T and ISO/IEC JTC1 cooperation;*

–               [A Suppl. 3](http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/recommendations/rec.aspx?rec=11724) – *IETF and ITU-T collaboration guidelines*; and

–               [WTSA-12 Resolution 7](http://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.7-2012) – *Collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission*.

5. The meetings of the rapporteur group shall be paperless and shall make use of electronic working methods. If necessary, the rapporteur group may schedule a face to face meeting, which should be collocated back to back with Review Committee meetings.

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