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The convener of the JCA-AHF wishes to inform the members of ITU-D SG1 and SG2 and in particular Question 20/1, that at  the last meeting of TSAG  (2 - 4 July 2012) there was no consensus on the funding of persons with disabilities to attend the Focus Groups, for example real time captioning.  In the current version of ITU-T Resolution A.7 the ITU-T is prohibited from any funding of Focus groups. It was decided that this could not be decided at TSAG but must go forward to the ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12) at the end of this year in Dubai

There were three proposals that were put forth at TSAG and that are recorded in the [TSAG report](http://www.itu.int/md/T09-TSAG-R-0006/en). The proposals are as following:

*Para 2.6       ITU-T A.7 (ITU-T Focus Groups)*

*The Chairman summarized the discussion as follows: there was agreement on most of the revised text on ITU-T A.7 as documented in TD 395 rev2. However, there continue to be diverging views on the section about financing focus groups. There are three options:*

*Option A: keep the current text.*

*Option B: keep the current text with the addition of encouraging participation from persons with disabilities, taking into account resolves 3 and resolves 4 of Resolution 175 of the Plenipotentiary Conference and of Resolution 123 of the Plenipotentiary Conference.*

*Option C: the text on financing prepared by Japan.*

The PP-10 resolutions 175 and 123 can be found at <http://www.itu.int/pub/S-CONF-ACTF-2010/en>