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#### **Source**

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##### 1) Annex A

*In Annex A, replace item 5 with the following text:*

5) IPR Policy and Guidelines on: a) patent; b) software copyright (if applicable); c) marks (if applicable); and d) copyright.	a) should be consistent with "Common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC" and "Guidelines for Implementation of the Common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC" *); b) should be consistent with "ITU-T Software Copyright Guidelines" *); c) should be consistent with "ITU-T Guidelines related to the inclusion of Marks in ITU-T Recommendations"; d) ITU and ITU Member States and Sector Members should have the right to copy for standardization related purposes (see also ITU-T Rec. A.1 with regard to copying and distribution).
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