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The 26th meeting of the ITU-T/ISO/IEC Joint Collaborative Team on Video Coding (JCT-VC) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland at the ITU Headquarters facilities, as previously planned and announced, under the auspices of (and collocated with) a corresponding meeting of ITU-T Study Group 16.

The JCT-VC meeting will begin on Thursday 12 January 2017 at approximately 1000 hours, and will end by lunchtime on Friday 20 January 2017.

Below is some information relating to the arrangements for the meeting:

1) The contribution document registration, submission and archive site for the JCT-VC is <http://phenix.it-sudparis.eu/jct/>.

2) As agreed at the October 2016 meeting in Chengdu, the contribution document deadline for this JCT-VC meeting will be Wednesday, 4 January 2017, to enable study of contributions prior to the meeting.

3) A contribution document template for the JCT-VC meeting, JCTVC-Zxxxx.doc is available at the site identified in item 1 above and at <http://ftp3.itu.int/av-arch/jctvc-site/2017_01_Z_Geneva/>. The document templates contain important information about preparing and submitting contribution documents. Please read the instructions carefully if you plan to submit a contribution.

4) The link to the pre-registration site for the JCT-VC meeting is <http://itu.int/reg/tmisc/3000933>. All participants are urged to register as soon as possible, and not later than 1 December 2016, to enable appropriate facilities planning. In the "Function" field, it is generally suggested to select "Delegate".

5) You need to hold certain qualifications in order to be allowed to attend the JCT-VC meeting. It is your responsibility to understand and fulfil those requirements. If you do not understand what qualifications are needed to attend, you may consult Gary Sullivan ([garysull@microsoft.com](mailto:garysull@microsoft.com)) or Jens-Rainer Ohm ([ohm@ient.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:ohm@ient.rwth-aachen.de)) for assistance. If you are qualified to participate either in ITU-T SG 16 or MPEG, then you are also qualified to participate in the JCT-VC meeting.

6) We would like to remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Switzerland. **The visa must be requested at least four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the meeting** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. If problems are encountered, the ITU can, at the official request of the administration or entity you represent, approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate delivery of the visa but only within the period mentioned of **four** weeks. Any such request must specify the name and functions, date of birth, number, dates of issue and expiry of passport of the individual(s) for whom the visa(s) is/are requested (A model for such a request is found at <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Documents/Visa-support-letter_MODEL.pdf>) and be accompanied by a copy of the notification of confirmation of registration approved for the meeting in question, and must be sent to TSB by fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail ([tsbreg@itu.int](file:///C:\Users\campos\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\ZH11YMVJ\tsbreg@itu.int)) bearing the words **"visa request". You need to register for the meeting before requesting visa assistance**.

7) There is no facilities fee for attending this JCT-VC meeting.

8) Please be advised that registration for the JCT-VC meeting is separate from registration for the associated meeting of SG 16 to be held from 16 to 27 January 2017, under whose auspices this meeting will be held. Information for the SG 16 meeting can be found in TSB Collective Letter 6/16, which is available at <http://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG16-COL-0001/en>. The SG 16 web site is at <http://itu.int/ITU-T/go/sg16>.

9) A meeting of ISO/IEC JTC1/SC29/WG11 (MPEG) will also be hosted by the ITU from 16 to 20 January 2017 at the CICG facility next to the ITU. Please be advised that registration for the JCT-VC meeting is separate from registration for the nearby meeting of MPEG. Further information for the MPEG meeting can be found at <http://mpeg.chiariglione.org/meetings/117>.

10) On the first day of the meeting, participants must enter at the ITU **Montbrillant** building entrance (Rue de Varembé 2) to receive their delegate badge. All participants of the JCT-VC meeting (including those also attending the associated SG 16 meeting) must register and obtain a JCT-VC meeting badge. The badge desk should be open on weekdays during 0830–1200 and 1330–1700 hours, and possibly at some other times as well – if there is no one at the registration desk when you arrive, you will find a phone sitting on that desk and a sign indicating what number to call to contact the staff.

11) During weekends or after 2200 hours, the only entrance to the ITU facilities that will be open is the ITU **Tower** building entrance. Participants are advised that a registration badge or timely web pre-registration will be necessary for entrance to the facilities during such times. Delegates arriving for the first time at this meeting and outside of ordinary weekday business hours (Mon.–Fri., 0830–1630 hours) must have been pre-registered on the web (§4 above) well in advance of their arrival and must present their passport (important: matching their pre-registered name) to the entrance guard. Such delegates may also contact the chairmen for assistance.

12) Helpful information can be found at <http://itu.int/SG-CP/info/togeneva.html> about the Geneva area and the ITU facilities.

13) Wireless network access will be available at the meeting facilities. Further information about wireless access can be found at <http://itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>.

14) Participants are encouraged to subscribe to the JCT-VC email reflector at <http://mailman.rwth-aachen.de/mailman/listinfo/jct-vc>. Additional important information for the meeting will be announced on the reflector.

15) On the first day of the meeting (12 January), only a brief opening session will be held for JCT-VC. Additional meeting sessions may be held on any days of 13 to 20 January 2017, including weekend days. Moreover, night-time sessions outside of ordinary business hours are anticipated.

16) For hotel accommodation, a list of hotels and information regarding hotel bookings at preferential ITU rates can be found at <http://itu.int/travel/>. Once you check into your hotel, they will give you a free "Geneva Transport Card" valid for the duration of your stay (if your hotel is in Geneva). This card will give you free access to Geneva public transport, including buses, trams, boats and trains as far as Versoix and the airport. Don't forget to bring your transport card with you, as the fines for not having it with you are substantial.

17) Please be advised that Geneva has limited hotel capacity, so you should make your reservation as early as possible. It may help to mention the ITU when making reservation inquiries.

18) When selecting a hotel, a common strategy is to choose a hotel near the central **Gare de Cornavin** train station. As an alternative for those who prefer hotels within walking distance of the JCT-3V meeting, the **Hotel Intercontinental** is the closest, and the **Hotel ibis Geneve Centre Nations**, **Hotel Residence les Nations** and **Hotel Grand-Pré** are three others that are relatively nearby.

19) When you arrive at the Geneva airport and pick up your luggage, on the way out of the door, ***before you leave the baggage claim area***, you will find a machine next to the door to the left of the Green customs exit. There will be a yellow sign on the machine that says "Free ticket". Go to that machine and push the button. It will give you a ticket for free public transportation within the Geneva area by bus, train, tram, etc., for a period of **80** minutes. If you walk out of that door before you remember to pick up the ticket, it will be too late and you will need to buy a ticket in the train station or at the bus stop (CHF 3.00 from a ticket machine, valid for **60** minutes).

20) You will find a train station connected to the side of the airport terminal (turn left as you exit the baggage claim area). All trains that depart from that train station make their first stop at the **Gare de Cornavin** train station (a distance of about 4 km), which is where you are likely to want to get off to walk or transfer to a bus, tram or taxi to get to nearby hotels. Bus and taxi transportation are also available at the airport, of course. For getting to ITU directly, take **Number 5 bus** line to its stop **Nations**.

21) If your hotel is near the **Gare de Cornavin** train station, the most convenient public transportation method to the ITU **Montbrillant** building is likely to be to take the **Number 15 tram** from the front of the train station to the **Sismondi** stop. If you miss the Sismondi stop, the next stop is **Nations**, which is the last stop on the route. ITU is in between the two stops, and just a short walk away. Alternatively, you can get **Number 5 bus** line to its stop **Nations**; ITU is across the street. In addition to running between the **Gare de Cornavin** and ITU (**Nations**), the **Number 5 bus** also continues past the ITU and the **Intercontinental Hotel** to reach the **Geneva Cointrin Airport**.

22) If your destination is the **Tower** building instead of the **Montbrillant** building (or if you don't mind the walk between them), you may want to take the **Number 8 bus** line to the **UIT** (ITU) bus stop, which is just in front of the Tower building. That bus can be a good alternative to the tram route.

23) If you need to walk from the **Montbrillant** building to the meeting area of the Tower building through the **Varembé** building, there is an internal pathway. Basically, you go to floor number 1 of Montbrillant, pass through a connecting passage to the Varembé building until you get to the entrance reception area of the Varembé building, then go down a spiral staircase, zig-zag scan your way left, right, left, right, and go down a stairway on the left side of the hallway into the 2nd basement of the Tower. You can ask the reception guard for a copy of the map (which is also found at <http://itu.int/aboutitu/itu-plan.pdf>).

24) The proposed agenda for the JCT-VC meeting, for development of the High Efficiency Video Coding (HEVC) standard and its format range (RExt), scalability (SHVC), screen content coding (SCC), and high-dynamic-range (HDR) extensions, and associated conformance test sets, reference software, verification testing, and non-normative guidance information is as follows:

* IPR policy reminder and declarations
* Contribution document allocation
* Reports of ad hoc group activities
* Review of results of previous meeting
* Consideration of contributions and communications on project guidance
* Consideration of video coding technology and supplemental enhancement information proposal contributions
* Consideration of contributions on the development of conformance test sets, reference software, verification testing, and non-normative guidance information
* Consideration of information contributions
* Coordination activities
* Future planning: Determination of next steps, discussion of working methods, communication practices, establishment of coordinated experiments, establishment of AHGs, meeting planning, refinement of expected standardization timelines, other planning issues
* Other business as appropriate for consideration

Yours faithfully,

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Chairmen of the Joint Collaborative Team on Video Coding (JCT-VC) of ITU-T SG 16 WP 3 and ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29/WG 11

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