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Thank you for your liaison requesting clarification of the mechanisms for the IETF to review the draft ITU-T Recommendations on MPLS-TP.

As you are aware the final steps of the approval process for ITU-T Recommendations must be implemented as defined in Recommendation A.8. We anticipate that all of the MPLS-TP Recommendations will be approved via the AAP process.

In accordance with the agreements reached in the JWT, it is important that the IETF has adequate opportunity to review the draft Recommendations at a stage where changes can be readily accommodated i.e. before consent and the initiation of the Last call period.

The normal process used in WP3/15 is that the draft text of Recommendations that is intend for consent is made available at least 7 working days before the SG15 meeting. At the meeting the text is edited, based on the contributions or liaison statements available at the meeting. Note that during a SG meeting a draft Recommendation can only be modified based on contributions or liaison

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statements available to the meeting. On the final day of the SG meeting the members present agree to consent the draft Recommendation (as modified during the meeting) and the last call process is initiated. As defined in Recommendation A.8, last call is a 4 week period during which members of the ITU can submit comments. If substantive comments are submitted during the last call period they are addressed by modifying the draft Recommendation. When all parties are satisfied an additional review is initiated. After the additional review the Recommendation is either approved, or exceptionally, if objections are received the Recommendation is returned to the next meeting of the study group for further work.

To allow the IETF time to review the draft Recommendation and provide comments (as a liaison statement to the meeting) we will make a version of the draft available 3 weeks before the start of the SG 15 meeting. During the meeting of SG 15 the draft Recommendation will be updated based on the contributions and liaison statements available at the meeting (including the comments from the IETF review). At the end of the meeting the members of the SG who are present will decide if the Recommendation should proceed to consent and initiation of last call.

The participation of experts from the IETF in the early stages of the development of the MPLS-TP Recommendations is critical to the successful completion of the final stages of this process. This early interaction will be facilitated by taking the following steps:

- Once the draft Recommendation has reached a reasonable state of stability the MEAD team will be requested to identify a few experts to review and work with the ITU experts to further develop the draft Recommendation.
- Following this initial review the modified draft Recommendation will be provided to the MEAD team for interactive reviews with experts from the ITU.
- Once the comments from the MEAD team have been addressed a liaison statement will be sent at least 3 weeks before the start of the meeting requesting formal review of the draft Recommendation. A response is required before the start of the SG meeting at which the draft Recommendation will be consented.

The continued participation of experts from the IETF at the ITU SG and interim meetings where the draft MPLS-TP Recommendations are developed is appreciated and strongly encouraged.