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## TIP Liaison Policy

Standards development organizations and other collaborative technical communities (“**Communities**”) can and do work together in many ways from simply referencing specifications or other work product developed by other Communities to entering into detailed liaison agreements for co-developing various deliverables. There is no one-size-fits-all-model because, among other reasons, each Community has a different IPR policy, governance structure, specification development process, and membership roster.

From time-to-time, TIP may wish to join, partner, cooperate or otherwise collaborate with other Communities to promote the development of TIP solutions and their deployment. Before doing so an appropriate liaison agreement specifying how the organizations will work together, the rights and obligations of both organizations regarding IPR matters, and the handling of any expenses associated with the project, among other things, must be executed by both organizations (“**Liaison Agreement**”). Such agreements may include MOUs, LOIs, transfer agreements, collaboration agreements and other forms of agreements between TIP and another Community involving collaborative activities, irrespective of the term used to identify the specific agreement. This Liaison Policy (“**Policy**”) sets forth the rights and obligations of all TIP Participants regarding any liaison relationship that TIP may enter through its Liaison Agreements.

Capitalized terms shall have the meaning attributed to them, or if no definition is provided herein, then the applicable meaning set forth in TIP’s Organizational Documents which may be accessed at <https://telecominfraproject.com/organizational-documents/>.

1. All Liaison Agreements must be approved by the TIP Board of Directors. Individual Participants including Project Group Chairs, Technical Committee Chairs, and Sponsors may not negotiate or enter into a Liaison Agreement on behalf of TIP unless authorized by the Board of Directors (“**Board**”) to do so.
2. Participants may be authorized by the Board to represent TIP in another Community’s meetings, projects, or other activities. Participants representing TIP must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively and professionally on TIP. If a Participant is representing TIP, such Participant agrees pursuant to this Liaison Policy to follow any guidelines provided by TIP and abide by the applicable Liaison Agreement.
3. TIP will act responsibly to manage each liaison project subject to the applicable Liaison Agreement. TIP will publicize the fact that it has established a liaison relationship with a particular Community after it has entered into a Liaison Agreement with that Community and will endeavor to keep all Participants aware of the status of each project. The terms of the Liaison Agreement, however, may prohibit TIP from disclosing certain information about work in progress to all TIP Participants. Any information exchanged or resulting as part of a liaison relationship will be shared with the Board so that it can manage the liaison project in accordance with this Policy.
4. To the extent that a Liaison Agreement would obligate a Participant to grant intellectual property rights beyond any grants required of the Participant by TIP’s own Organizational



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Documents, TIP will notify the applicable Participants with a minimum of 30 days-notice to object to and avoid any such additional grants.

5. Project Group Charters may specify that the Project Group could enter into one or more liaison relationships in which specific Project Group Deliverables may be submitted to another Community as a contribution to that Community's own projects or for ratification by such other Community, such as a standards setting organization, under such Community's policies including its IPR Policy. In such situations, Contributors' IPR grants to their Contributions extend to the Project Group's submissions to other Communities as specified in the Charter.
6. All submission and contributions received by TIP and incorporated into any TIP deliverable pursuant to a Liaison Agreement will grant TIP Participants the same rights as if the submissions and contributions were made by TIP Participants unless explicitly noted in writing affixed to the deliverable itself or its documentation.