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Summary

This Recommendation describes how to initiate a communication process between ITU-T and a forum/consortium. It lists the A.4-qualifying criteria for forums/consortia, and it describes the document exchange between A.4-qualified forums/consortia and the ITU-T.

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