

Consensus Call Process

- Once the report has been finalized, the Work Track Co-Leaders will send an email to the mailing list opening the consensus call (target date: 24 October).
- WT members will have a deadline to respond on list stating whether they can live with the Final Report as written (target date: 28 October).
- Once the deadline for responses has passed, the Co-Leaders will make an evaluation of the designation for the full Report (full consensus, consensus, strong support but significant opposition, divergence, minority view) and send this designation to the mailing list.
- After the group has discussed the Chair's estimation of designation, the Chair, or Co-Chairs, should reevaluate and publish an updated evaluation, if applicable.
- The above steps may be repeated until the Chair/Co-Chairs make an evaluation that is accepted by the group.

Level of Consensus (1/2)

- The Work Track leads will collectively be responsible for designating the level of consensus (definitions below are quoted from the WG Guidelines):
 - “Full consensus - when no one in the group speaks against the recommendation in its last readings. This is also sometimes referred to as Unanimous Consensus.”
 - “Consensus - a position where only a small minority disagrees, but most agree.”
 - “Strong support but significant opposition - a position where, while most of the group supports a recommendation, there are a significant number of those who do not support it.”
 - “Divergence (also referred to as No Consensus) - a position where there isn't strong support for any particular position, but many different points of view. Sometimes this is due to irreconcilable differences of opinion and sometimes it is due to the fact that no one has a particularly strong or convincing viewpoint, but the members of the group agree that it is worth listing the issue in the report nonetheless.”

Level of Consensus (2/2)

- “Minority View - refers to a proposal where a small number of people support the recommendation. This can happen in response to a Consensus, Strong support but significant opposition, and No Consensus; or, it can happen in cases where there is neither support nor opposition to a suggestion made by a small number of individuals.”

“In cases of Consensus, Strong support but significant opposition, and No Consensus, an effort should be made to document that variance in viewpoint and to present any Minority View recommendations that may have been made. Documentation of Minority View recommendations normally depends on text offered by the proponent(s). In all cases of Divergence, the WG Chair should encourage the submission of minority viewpoint(s).”

“Minority Views”

- ⦿ After the Work Track has held a consensus call of the Report and sent it to the full Working Group, **the full Working Group will consider the WT’s recommendations and hold a consensus call of its own.**
- ⦿ When the **full Working Group publishes its Final Report** containing recommendations that the full Working Group has agreed to support through the consensus process, **there will be an additional opportunity to document minority views.**
- ⦿ If you disagree with the recommendations that are ultimately put forward by the Working Group, **you will be able to put your position in a minority statement, which will be appended to the Working Group’s Final Report.**