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**Information**

Recently MPEG held its 120th meeting in Macau, China, from Oct. 23 to 27. During this meeting, MPEG continued the discussion on VR QoE related topics, in particular immersive media metrics. It was highlighted that a consistent monitoring of the quality observed by the user, especially in streaming environment, provides opportunities for service debugging, improvements and evaluation.

In response to the request from the MPEG participants, MPEG decided to institute a new part of MPEG-I, Part 6 (i.e. ISO/IEC 230090-6), for Immersive Media Metrics. This new part specifies immersive media metrics and measurement framework to enhance the immersive media quality and experiences. This part also includes a client reference model with observation and measurement points to define the interfaces for the collection of the metrics. Below is the current timeline for this new part:

 2018-01: Committee Draft (CD)

 2018-04: Draft of International Standards (DIS)

 2018-10: Final Draft of International Standards (FDIS)

A reference model for the MPEG VR metrics in a VR client was adopted in this meeting. It is shown in Figure 1 below. More details about this model as well as some of the metrics under consideration are available in [1].



Figure 1 VR-Metrics client reference model

For the interim period till Jan. 2018before the next MPEG meeting, a new mandate has been added to AHG on MPEG-I Architecture, which says “develop immersive media quality metrics, their measurability in immersive services and guidelines for evaluating such quality” [2]. It is expected more proposals and contributions relating to VR QoE will be produced and proposed to the MPEG 121st meeting.

A liaison letter to ITU-T SG 12 on QoE-VR was also produced during the MPEG 120th meeting, which informs the new addition of MPEG-I Part 6 as well as its current status [3].

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