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Dear Madam / Sir,

On behalf of Nortel I am pleased to confirm our support for Mr Iain Sharp as a candidate vice-chair for 3GPP TSG CT.

Nortel Networks has been a leading contributor to 3GPP since its foundation. We are pleased to take this opportunity to offer our services to support the continued success of this organisation.

Mr Sharp has more than 10 years of experience in GSM and UMTS core network standardisation. He has acted as CN vice-chair and as chairman of various 3GPP SA ad-hoc activities.

If elected Mr Sharp will aim to support the chairman in providing efficient, fair and productive meetings.

Mr Sharp will represent the Individual Member "Nortel Networks (Europe)" and project partner "ETSI".

Yours faithfully,

Paul Simmons
Leader IMS, Services, Applications and GSM Standards



Iain Sharp - Nortel

Candidate for Vice Chair 3GPP TSG CT



Iain Sharp is currently Leader Core Networks and Services strategy at Nortel. He has wide experience of 2G and 3G technology and is a respected member of the standards community for his technical knowledge and positive contribution to discussions.

Mr Sharp's involvement with cellular networks started in 1987 during the "UK testbed" for GSM where he was involved in prototyping the GSM radio layers and speech coding.

In 1990 he joined Nortel Network's technology division in the GSM planning team. He was subsequently involved in many of the key GSM subsystems including the A-Interface, voice services, MAP protocol and GPRS development. During the early development of the UMTS standard Mr Sharp represented Nortel in the SA2 Architecture group and contributed to the definition of the architecture for UMTS and IMS.

Mr Sharp has attended 3GPP plenary since 1999. Between 2003 and 2005 he was a vice-chair of TSG CN and has assisted the chairman in managing the documents and meetings. Mr Sharp has also acted as chair for various SA ad-hoc activities. In 2003 he chaired the SA ad-hoc activity on Future Evolution. In 2004 he acted as coordinator for the SA discussion on improvements to the 3GPP release process.

Mr Sharp graduated in Electronics and Information Sciences from Cambridge University. He has spoken at several conferences including the ITU "Telecom" event and the GSM World Congress.