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FROM: ATIS Packet Technologies and Systems Committee (PTSC)

RE: MPS2 Work Item Prioritization for Release 17 Planning

It has come to the attention of ATIS' Packet Technologies and Systems Committee (PTSC) that 3GPP will prioritize SA2 Work Items for Release 17 Planning at the 3GPPSA#85 Plenary meeting on September 17-20, 2019. One of the Work Items among the set to be prioritized for SA2 is the Feasibility Study on Multimedia Priority Service (MPS) Phase 2 Stage 2 (FS_MPS2_Stage2).

MPS is used in response to emergency situations (e.g., floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, terrorist attacks, continuity of government) where communication depends on the communication capabilities of public networks. Specifically, certain government and emergency management officials and other authorized users have to rely on public network services when the communication capability of the serving network may be impaired, for example due to congestion or partial network infrastructure outages.

MPS, supported by the 3GPP system set of services and features, is one element creating the ability to deliver calls or complete communication sessions of a high priority nature from mobile-to-mobile networks, mobile-to-fixed networks, and fixed-to-mobile networks during times of network congestion or impairment.

The SA2 Work Item on FS_MPS2_Stage2 is important for the ATIS PTSC members to ensure that the 3GPP ecosystem continues to support and meet MPS Service Users need for priority voice, data, and video communication capabilities. Therefore, ATIS PTSC recommends that the FS_MPS2_Stage2 Work Item be prioritized and included in the Release 17 work package.

Best regards,

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