



Broadband Forum Liaison To:

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Subject: Response regarding working agreement and copy/paste policy.

Dear Christian,

The Broadband Forum Board of Directors would like to thank you for your liaison letters S5-092661 (on working agreement for HNB/HeNB data model development for 3GPP Rel-9).

In a liaison dated May 21, 2009 the Broadband Forum Board of Directors considered the proposed working agreement (as contained in S5-092661) and acknowledged it to be acceptable in principle and agreed to the steps specified. We had some questions and needed some clarifications that we were still formulating. Since then the proposal has been given more consideration and the Broadband Forum Board of Directors is now responding with more detail.

The following key text has been taken from the 3GPP proposal (included in S5-092661) and suggested Broadband Forum changes are highlighted in **bold**.

"An operational concern expressed by SA5 members is the possibility of changes to ongoing HNB and HeNB specifications based on direct BBF member contributions in BBF meetings which have not been ratified by SA5.

The rationale to this concern is that any changes without SA5 knowledge may result in divergence from 3GPP requirements and technical direction.

In order to address this concern SA5 kindly request BBF to review and evaluate a proposal for a working arrangement between the BBF and SA5 pertaining HNB and HeNB OAM aspects.

The proposed working arrangement consists of the following:

- a) *When proposals are submitted as BBF member contributions into BBF meetings **that** may result in changes to the data model specification for HNB or HeNB, BBF should document the submission per the normal BBF process.*
- b) *The submission should be sent to SA5 in a liaison or presented during joint meetings with SA5.*
- c) *SA5 **shall** review and evaluate the submission based on its technical merits and compliance with SA5 requirements and respond back to BBF in liaison indicating the results of the SA5 evaluation **within 30 days of the next SA5 meeting or within 60 days of receipt, whichever occurs first.***
- d) *If the **response from SA5 is negative and the objections from 3GPP pertain to the data model specification for HNB or HeNB, BBF should honor the SA5 request to reject the submission, subject to any applicable constraints based upon the formal working procedures of the BBF.***
- e) *If the **response from SA5 is positive or no response from SA5 has been received within the time intervals indicated in item (c) then the normal BBF working procedures for addressing comments should be followed.***

In order to ensure accuracy between SA5 requirements and the ongoing data model work, SA5 would like to request that tracking information be maintained and made available to SA5 by the editor of the BBF data model.

*The tracking information will map the data model parameters to SA5 requirements or information model. **SA5 and the BBF will work together to ensure that the processes to maintain this tracking information are implemented in a manner that avoids incurring excessive or unnecessary overhead in the BBF or SA5 specification development processes.***

We suggest these changes to enable a smooth and efficient process without significant delay. We would expect, as we presume SA5 would, that our mutual review of contributions and maintenance of HNB/HeNB data model development would always be carried out collaboratively, efficiently and expeditiously.

Regarding the copy/paste policy, the Broadband Forum Board of Directors recommends that, in general, 3GPP TSG SA WG5 should make reference to Broadband Forum Technical Reports whenever possible, rather than duplicating the text into 3GPP specifications. This will reduce the likelihood that our specifications will become out of sync when revisions are made in the future by either organization. If specific situations arise where BBF or 3GPP has consensus that the best course of action is to duplicate portions of a specification from the other organization, this can be discussed on a case-by-case basis. We believe this was the spirit of your original request; please let us know if this is not the case.

We look forward to furthering our productive relationship. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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