

26th March, 2014

Mr. Adrian Scrase
Secretary, PCG
3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP)
(via E-Mail)

Dear Mr. *Adrian* Scrase,

It gives me immense pleasure to introduce Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI) to the 3GPP community as the newly constituted, registered, and accredited telecommunications SDO in India. Our membership represents all segments of the telecom ecosystem, comprising of operators, vendors, academia, R&D organizations, Government, etc. The membership roster is growing in size by the day.

Several technical Working Groups (WGs) under TSDSI have already been formed, and these are progressing work in the diverse focus areas such as Radio access Network Evolution and Spectrum, Core Network, M2M, etc. We expect our coverage of technical work areas would expand in the near future, and additional WGs will be formed as needed. TSDSI has signed Letters of Intent (LoIs) to cooperate with several SDOs of global repute, namely ARIB, CCSA, ETSI, TTA, and TTC. In addition we are currently in discussions to establish similar relationships with other SDOs as well. During the recent Mobile World Congress, 2014 at Barcelona we have signed a MoU to cooperate with the Global Certification Forum (GCF).

We have been fully functional in terms of governance, under the guidance of a Governing Council, that is answerable to the General Body. The operational functioning of TSDSI is handled by a Secretariat, reporting to the Governing Council.

The membership of TSDSI, fully supported by its Governing Council, intends to join 3GPP and actively contribute to its work programme. We understand that the status of an Observer can be granted by the Organizational Partners to an entity that has the qualifications to become a future Partner. TSDSI definitely belongs to that category. As a first step towards a future full and robust engagement, on behalf of TSDSI, I will request the Organizational Partners of 3GPP to grant an Observer status to TSDSI as soon as possible. This will help our membership to get familiar with the workings of 3GPP and, in turn, offer 3GPP community to get to know us better. If our request is granted, TSDSI and our membership pledge to honour the obligations that come with the status of an Observer organization.

Knowing that the next meetings of PCG and OP are coming up in about a month's time, we look forward to a speedy attention to our request. Please feel free to get back to me for additional information that may be needed for you to come to a decision.

Best regards.



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