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TO: 3GPP and 3GPP2

SOURCE: CHAIRMEN OF ITU-T STUDY GROUPS 11, 4 AND 7 AND THEIR COLLABORATORS ON IMT-2000 STANDARDIZATION

TITLE: LIAISON STATEMENT ON FUTURE COLLABORATION

1. First of all, we would like to congratulate you (3GPP and 3GPP2) on the successful launching of your organizations in the important work of standardizing the 3rd generation mobile systems. We welcome the initiatives of regional standards bodies that led to the creation of 3GPP and 3GPP2, so that intra-family member specifications should be produced as quickly as possible on a regional basis.

2. We would like to recall the important agreement reached at the GSC Ad Hoc Meeting in May 1998 in Geneva between regional standards bodies and ITU-T. The agreement is essentially on the adoption of the IMT-2000 Family of Systems concept and that intra-family member specifications are to be produced by regional standards bodies, while inter-family member specifications and coordination among them are to be provided by ITU-T.

Our understanding is that currently there are two members in the IMT-2000 Family of Systems and that intra-family member specifications of one system is to be provided by 3GPP, while those of the other system by 3GPP2.

3. Another important mission of ITU-T is understood to be the provision of common requirements applicable to different family members, and, whenever and wherever possible, the provision of common solutions as much as possible. It is with this intention that work on Radio Interface Layer 2 has been performed within ITU-T SG11 that is now maturing.

4. ITU-T is determined and committed to fulfil its mission to provide:

- a. coordination between different family members;
- b. specifications required for the successful interworking between different family members, for example, to realize global roaming and global service delivery;
- c. provision of common requirements and of common solutions, wherever and whenever applicable to different family members.

We believe that the above points are essential to facilitate the future convergence of different family members that would surely benefit the end customers around the world.

5. We would like to communicate to you, that, to this end, in order to streamline and progress the work efficiently and rapidly on significant IMT-2000 network related aspects within ITU-T, in particular on such focused topics as Signalling, Management and Security, leaders of relevant Study Groups at ITU-T (namely, SGs 11, 4 and 7) agreed to study further a specific organizational mechanism with a view to taking a decision in the week of 15th March.

6. It is the intention of these leaders to study also the mechanism whereby ITU-T can reach out to other standards bodies, thus serving as the focal point for the coordination among 3GPP, 3GPP2 and other relevant standards bodies on subjects of common interest. As such, it is the intention of these leaders that whatever mechanism is adopted, it should by definition provide for the participation of non ITU-T members.

7. We look forward to fruitful and efficient cooperation starting now and continuing into the future.