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Subject : Candidature for Chairmanship of New TSG RAN

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Alcatel is delighted in proposing Francois COURAU as a candidate for the position of Chairman for the new TSG RAN. As you may see from the attached CV he has been participating in the field of expertise of data protocols for many years in SMG and several years in UMTS field and more specifically four years as chairman of old TSG RAN.

In addition Alcatel will provide him full support to ensure good progress in the group.

Alcatel is fully committed to support Francois COURAU in his tasks as chairman.

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Presentation of Francois COURAU
Candidate for Chairmanship of New TSG RAN
ALCATEL SA (ETSI member)

Graduate from the Paris University in Data Processing, Francois COURAU has started to work on Mobile networks in 1985 entering the research laboratories from France Telecom where the specification for the GSM system were started.

After two years of internal studies on the system aspects he started to work in standardisation in the GSM group of CEPT.

He joined the PN in Paris where he was mainly in charge of SMG3 activities. When the activity was transferred from CEPT to ETSI he kept the same position.

He left the ETSI PT12 in January 1992 and came back to France Telecom Mobile where he was in charge of standardisation activities' co-ordination. He was participating to SMG3 WPA SMG3 system architecture and SMG10.

He joined Alcatel in August 1996 where he is currently working on Systems aspects for GSM and UMTS. Meanwhile he was appointed vice chairman of SMG2 and chairman of SMG2 WPA and vice chair of the SMG2 ad hoc Architecture. He was appointed as co-chair of SMG12 in ETSI in June 98.

He also represented Alcatel in ATIS standardization activities on GSM for the US market.

He is currently Chairman of old TSG RAN and Chairman of ETSI TC MSG.