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Title: Re: NGN Accounting, Billing and Charging

LIAISON STATEMENT

To: **SG 4 Q.8/4, cc: ETSI (for 3GPP SA5), ATIS TMOC, SG 3**

Approval: **Agreed to at ITU-T SG 13 meeting**

For: **Action for Q.8/4; Information for others**

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Thank you for your collaboration efforts expressed in the liaison "NGN Accounting, Billing and Charging". We have considered yours and five related liaisons (listed below) provided to us for information from ATIS TMOC and 3GPP TSG-SA5:

- SG13 TD186/WP3: Re: TMOC/3GPP Harmonization Results regarding NGN Accounting Management Work - in response to COM 4-LS 040
- SG13 TD194/WP3: "Initial draft of a proposed ITU-T Recommendation on NGN Accounting Management based on TMOC/3GPP Harmonization Results"
- SG13 TD213/WP3: Liaison statement on response to 3GPP Harmonization Clarification - S5-060130
- SG13 TD214/WP3: Liaison statement on draft proposed ITU-T Recommendation on NGN Accounting Management based on TMOC/3GPP
- SG13 TD233/WP3: LS Reply to ITU-T SG4 on Accounting, Billing and Charging

We thank and recognize the value of the information provided by ATIS TMOC and 3GPP TSG-SA5. You have provided us two items for consideration. The following is our response:

1. On the virtual meeting topic, we are willing to participate in as suggested. Please send us more information on the type of virtual meeting(s), schedule, and contact information. We assume that the suggested virtual meetings are held via telephone conference. Please note that if they are meant to be face-to-face meetings, we cannot confirm at this moment to send our representatives to the meetings.

2. On the clarification request about accounting and charging interfaces and protocols used between NGN functional entities: it seems there is some misunderstanding. Our document specifies requirements, architecture, and scenarios for NGN accounting and charging. The specified protocol requirements are meant for interfaces and protocols used between accounting and charging functional entities, not between NGN functional entities. We have no text which mentions accounting and charging interfaces and protocols used between NGN functional entities. At any rate, we are willing to provide any required information in the future joint meetings to improve mutual understanding.

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