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Mike Walker
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Re: 3GPP2 Response to OHG Open Letter

Dear Mike,

3GPP2 would like to thank the OHG for submitting their letter regarding the independence of the radio access technology and core network, and also their interest in having a unified core network solution.

3GPP2 TSG-S All IP AdHoc Group has reviewed your letter and has the following notes:

- The technical differences between the 3GPP and 3GPP2 IP-based core networks do not appear as great as those indicated in the OHG correspondence.
- 3GPP2 members have been contributing work to the 3GPP2 All-IP Project that is creating considerable alignment with the 3GPP IMS. Efforts to continue such alignment include the adoption of the Proxy CSCF (3GPP2's P-SCM), as well as adopting a common model for service architecture and service APIs.
- 3GPP2 believes that 3GPP has begun to consider adopting the use of the IETF Diameter protocol in some of the same ways adopted by 3GPP2.
- Both 3GPP and 3GPP2 are creating solutions for SIP-based Multimedia services that are highly access technology independent.

While the above areas show that significant alignment has already occurred, 3GPP2 believes that a joint workshop between 3GPP and 3GPP2 experts would provide significant additional benefits toward convergence of the IP-based core networks. Since efforts in 3GPP and 3GPP2 are individually targeted at concluding sets of specifications in early 2002, such a workshop may best be set toward early 2002 when the shape of those specifications will be better known.

3GPP2 would welcome OHG to setup and facilitate this workshop. The agenda for such a joint workshop should be carefully planned in advance. Such a focused agenda could include issues such as interoperability (SIP Sessions between the two networks) global roaming and mobility across access technologies. Any input from OHG to such an agenda is welcome.

Regards,



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