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We wish to inform you of our work toward a new video coding standard now being finalized by ITU-T SG 16 Question 6 (VCEG) and ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29/WG 11 (MPEG). The project will create technically aligned specifications to be approved in ITU-T as Recommendation H.264 and in ISO/IEC as International Standard 14496-10. This new standard will specify Advanced Video Coding for generic audiovisual services, and embodies a significant advance in coding efficiency capability relative to prior standards. The approval process for the new H.264/AVC standard is now under way, and the draft will receive final approval in ITU-T and ISO/IEC by May of 2003.

We believe the new standard is appropriate for use for a wide variety of audiovisual services. Further information regarding the draft specification can be obtained from the parties listed with contact information above. We are interested to understand if the draft technical specification appropriately fulfils your application requirements.

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