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Subject: Request on prioritization and expeditious completion of 3GPP Work Items and Study Items related to Public Safety LTE

Dear 3GPP SA Chairman:

First of all, on behalf of the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning (MSIP), I would like to express my sincere appreciation on 3GPP's standardization particularly related to Public Safety LTE (PS-LTE).

The April's Sewol ferry disaster brought attention to the urgent need for establishing a nationwide broadband public safety network for sharing information and communicating among public safety agencies. Therefore, Korean government recently decided to adopt the PS-LTE technology for the nationwide broadband public safety network by 2017.



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The decision was made based on the fact that 3GPP will finalize all Work Items and Study Items related to public safety LTE such as mission critical PTT, direct mode operations including relay mode, isolated E-UTRAN operation as scheduled by 3GPP, i.e. Q1 2016.

In this context, it is believed the following 3GPP Release 12 Work Items & Study Items on PS-LTE will be successfully finalized at the 3GPP SA meeting #65.

- Study on Proximity-based Services (FS_ProSe) UID_530044
- Group Communication System Enablers for LTE (GCSE_LTE) UID_560020
- Proximity-based Services (ProSe) UID_580059
- Study on LTE Device to Device Proximity Services UID_580038
- Study on Group Communication for LTE UID_610028

However, 3GPP SA Work Group still has several Work Items and Study Items related to PS-LTE including the proposal at 3GPP SA 65th and RAN 65th contributions (ex. RP-141098).

Therefore, we strongly urge the continued prioritization and expeditious completion of 3GPP Release 13 Work Items and Study Items that directly impact the availability of PS-LTE. And it would be great if 3GPP can finalize 3GPP standards earlier than scheduled. This prompt action is going to allow public safety officials and first responders such as police and firefighters to use multimedia service as well as mission critical PTT service.

Lastly, please let me know how we can assist the finalization of PS-LTE with a more agile process.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: None