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Via electronic mail

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Subject: AKA Joint Control Agreement

Dear Valtteri,

TIA Committee TR-45, along with the TR-45 Ad Hoc Authentication Group (AHAG), has recently re-examined the AKA Joint Control Agreement in force between TR-45 and 3GPP SA3. When put in place, the Joint Control Agreement was a pioneering effort to establish a cooperative relationship between TR-45 and 3GPP. The success of this effort helped open the door to the current extensive sharing of specifications between 3GPP and TIA/3GPP2 on network protocols and services.

However, we recognize that the Joint Control Agreement in its present form has little value going forward. The specification and specific clauses included are too limited to cover the important new security protocols under consideration in your group. At the same time, we believe any new developments can be considered for inclusion in TIA/3GPP2 documents without need for new formal agreements of this nature.

We therefore believe that the Joint Control Agreement should be terminated, so that there is no longer any administrative burden associated with maintaining it. If SA3 agrees, TR-45 will consider formally revoking the agreement.

We may express the hope that the current cooperative relationship between TIA/3GPP2 and 3GPP will continue. It may be useful to consider establishing a formal liaison between SA3 and 3GPP2 TSG-S WG4 and/or TR-45 AHAG to ensure that new developments on both sides are known to the other. If you agree, TR-45 will be happy to assist in the creation of such a liaison.

Thanks for your consideration. If there are any questions or issues, please feel free to contact us.

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