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**RE: Response to 3GPP Harmonization Clarification -- S5-060130**

Dear Alain:

Thanks for the liaison entitled *LS reply to ATIS, NGNMFG on Initial Draft proposed ITU-T Rec. on NGN Accounting Management based on TMOC/3GPP Harmonization results*, S5-060130 (also posted as TMOC-2006-046). It was on the agenda and discussed on April 27, 2006 during the ITU-T NGNM Focus Group meeting (posted as NGNMFG-ID-147-R1).

In that liaison you provided several clarifications to the TMOC/3GPP harmonization results. Based on these clarification and informal discussions/emails, TMOC interprets the clarifications as follows:

1. 3GPP is emphasizing the fact that the 3GPP/TMOC harmonization results are intended as input to ITU-T; for their use in formulating guidelines and recommendations regarding NGN Accounting Management.
2. 3GPP is emphasizing the fact that 3GPP has no plans to change its specifications/standards based on the 3GPP/TMOC harmonization results from the Austin TX meeting on Jan 10, 2006.
3. Because of the items above, 3GPP is making note that the names of functional elements in the 3GPP Charging Architecture (e.g., CGF) should be reserved for 3GPP specific use – in order that we not confuse the use of these functional elements in NGN Accounting Management where TMOC protocols may be used.
4. 3GPP is still willing to coordinate with TMOC on NGN Accounting Management, per the above clarifications/interpretations.

Given the above, TMOC concurs with the clarifications/interpretations. TMOC plans to resubmit another *Draft proposed ITU-T Rec. on NGN Accounting Management based on TMOC/3GPP Harmonization results* based on these clarifications/interpretations (expected to be transmitted in a near future liaison as TMOC-2006-048).

Please let me know if you have any comments questions, or concerns.

Best regards,

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