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Liaison Statement from EP UMTS to 3GPP TSG SA, TC SMG, TC SPAN

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EP UMTS has considered the way that it will work in the light of developments in 3GPP. Proposals were put to the ETSI 3GPP Preparatory meeting in a Liaison statement. It was agreed that EP UMTS was made responsible for future phases of UMTS in ETSI and the liaison statement was accepted.

The rationale for the liaison was as follows:

- 3GPP is a Success.
- 3GPP Will Continue and will Develop 3G Standards for the Foreseeable Future.
- ETSI, as a Partner of 3GPP, Should Develop its Own View of the Future Phases.
- The Other Regional Partners Will Do This.
- Individual ETSI Members Should Not try to Negotiate With the block positions of Other SDOs.

- EP UMTS is Responsible (in ETSI) For future Phases of UMTS.
- However, it will Not Write Standards Itself – This Should be Left to 3GPP, TIPHON etc. The reasons are:
 - Resources - One Standards Writing Body is Preferred.
 - Continuity for the Maintenance of previous Standards.
 - Global Standards are Preferred Over a Regional One.

Proposal Based on the Above:

- EP UMTS will be the Focus of ETSI's View of the Future Programme

- It will Consider the Short Term Future Programme, Not Just the Long Term
- EP UMTS will start to collect ETSI's ideas and proposals for the next Phase of UMTS in preparation for the next 3GPP TSG SA (Plenary) meeting and will provide an input to ETSI for the next PCG.
- It will also set up a number of Working Groups in order to develop ideas and proposals for later phases.