



April 28, 2023

Ms. Susanna Kooistra, Ms. Akansha Arora,
3GPP Mobile Competence Centre,
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Dear Susanna and Akansha,

Apple provides this letter of support pursuant to 3GPP Working Procedure Article 22.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Behrouz Aghili will stand as a candidate for the position of 3GPP TSG CT WG1 Vice Chair in the forthcoming elections in May 2023, representing Apple Inc., a member of ATIS.

Behrouz is currently a CT1 delegate and has previously served as the Vice Chair of TSG CT from 2017 to 2021. Over his more than 27 years in mobile communications, Behrouz has developed insights as a producer, implementor and a promoter of the 3GPP standards.

Behrouz is now looking forward to applying his dedication, skills and experience to help lead 3GPP CT WG1.

Behrouz is informed about and aware of the antitrust/competition laws and regulations of relevant jurisdictions and, if elected, he will comply with such laws while acting in his capacity as CT1 Vice Chair.

If elected, Behrouz will strive to ensure that the development of the relevant 3GPP Specifications is undertaken in a fair, accurate and diligent manner. Apple will continue to provide him with all the support he needs in order to perform the role effectively, should he be elected, as part of Apple's continued commitment to the success of 3GPP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawei Zhang", is written below the word "Sincerely,".

Dr. Dawei Zhang
Head of 3GPP Standardization
Apple Inc.



CT1 Vice Chair Candidate Information

Behrouz is currently a CT1 delegate and he is also a former TSG CT Vice Chair.



Behrouz has more than 27 years background in wireless telecom and mobile communications. He joined 3GPP in 2006 and has, during his more than 15 years in 3GPP, been contributing as a representative of handset manufacturer and chipset manufacturer. Behrouz has attended various working groups in 3GPP such as GERAN2, SA2 and CT1 covering a range of topics such as GERAN Evolution, SAES, CS Fallback, MTC, CloT, MINT and NPN. Behrouz maintains rapporteurship of a several specifications which are under CT1 remit and also served as the rapporteur of the ongoing Work Item of "SAESx" family. In addition to his CT1 activities, he attended TSG CT on a regular basis from 2009 to 2022. During this period, he was elected as the TSG CT Vice Chair in 2017 and served for four years, from 2017 to 2021.

Prior to his standardization activities within 3GPP, he worked as a technical instructor, conducting technical training in GSM, GPRS and UMTS. Moreover, he worked as an adjunct professor at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm Sweden, where he also obtained a Masters degree in Engineering Physics, teaching a range of various courses in mathematics, from 1989 to 1995.

Behrouz's leadership skills, both during his time at 3GPP and prior to that, and his wide-range of experience in standards , telecoms industry make him best placed to efficiently help CT1 with the tasks in hand and to meet the market needs of our diverse 3GPP ecosystem.