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ATTN: Ms. Susanna Kooistra and Mr. Joern Krause  
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Subject: **Candidacy of Mr. Balázs Bertényi as Chairman of 3GPP TSG RAN**

Dear Ms. Kooistra, Dear Mr. Krause,

On behalf of Nokia, I am pleased to nominate Mr. Balázs Bertényi as a candidate for the Chairman position of 3GPP TSG RAN. Balázs represents Nokia Corporation, an ETSI member.

Balázs has wide-ranging technical and leadership experience, and he has been a key contributor in 3GPP for over 15 years in several technical areas (including IMS, EPS and 5G). Balázs served as chairman of TSG SA WG2 2007-2011, and as chairman of TSG SA 2011-2015. As the chair of TSG RAN we believe Balázs would be able to successfully lead the group through the exciting challenges ahead: 5G standards work is entering its mainstream phase, and LTE still has many innovative features in the standards pipeline.

After finishing his chairmanship duties in TSG SA, Balázs moved to TSG RAN to focus on 5G. At the same time, he has also chaired a variety of LTE related ad-hoc activities in TSG RAN, most notably the study work on *"Potential additional configurations for LTE TDD"*.

Balázs is a leading expert on 5G architecture and has been directly involved in various global 5G industry activities.

Balázs graduated from the Technical University of Budapest in 1998 as an M.Sc. (Telecommunications Engineering and Computer Science). He joined Nokia the same year, and has worked in several different projects across the 3G core, GPRS, EPS, IMS, and most recently on 5G architecture and radio.

Nokia is committed to the prolonged success of the mobile ecosystem and to the 3GPP standards ecosystem and will offer the support and resources necessary for Balazs to pursue his TSG RAN chairman activities successfully. Balázs has undertaken the necessary training provided by ETSI to comply with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations.

The signatory below has the approval and authority to make this commitment on behalf of Nokia.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Weldon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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