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Subject: **Candidacy of Mr. Matthew Baker as Chairman of 3GPP TSG RAN**

Dear Ms. Kooistra and Mr. Krause,

On behalf of Nokia, I am pleased to nominate Mr. Matthew Baker as a candidate for the position of Chairman of 3GPP TSG RAN, representing Nokia UK Ltd, an ETSI member.

Matthew has been an active participant in 3GPP since 1999, spanning three technology generations. He has extensive experience of chairperson roles in 3GPP, as Chairman of RAN1 from 2009-2013 and as Vice-Chairman from 2013-2017, during which time he successfully steered the group through the completion of several releases. His consensus-building approach is well known, having proven himself through many complex and contentious debates to be effective at reconciling different viewpoints, reaching decisions based around technical merit, and making excellent progress according to the schedule. He always treats all delegates with respect and has a well-deserved reputation for fair and efficient leadership.

Besides RAN1, Matthew has also participated in all RAN working groups, as well as being a long-standing RAN Plenary delegate. His experience therefore extends across the whole domain of TSG RAN, giving him a broad and deep knowledge of the technology and a solid understanding of the working methods of all the groups.

Matthew is also well known outside 3GPP, putting him in a good position to use his strong communication skills to be an effective ambassador for 3GPP and to foster constructive relationships with other relevant bodies. Prior to joining Nokia, Matthew worked for Philips for 12 years, first on the device side and then supporting the chipset business, and therefore has a broad perspective on the larger industry, which is critical as we look to enable the next industrial revolution with 3GPP wireless technologies.

As the Chairman of TSG RAN, I believe Matthew would be uniquely able to guide the group successfully through the exciting challenges of NR evolution in the years ahead as the 5G ecosystem expands, with much-needed balance and clarity.

Matthew will avail himself of 3GPP-supplied antitrust and competition law training in order to comply with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations while acting in his capacity as TSG Chairman. Nokia is also fully committed to providing all necessary support for Matthew as Chairman to lead 3GPP RAN for the benefit of the whole industry.

I enthusiastically support Matthew's candidacy for this critical role and have the approval and authority to make this commitment on behalf of Nokia.

Yours sincerely,

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

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**Matthew Baker: Short CV**

Matthew Baker holds First and Master's degrees in Engineering and Electrical & Information Sciences from the University of Cambridge, UK, from where he graduated with distinction in 1996.

He then worked at Philips for 12 years, initially supporting Philips Consumer Communications and subsequently Philips Semiconductors and NXP Semiconductors. He joined Alcatel-Lucent in 2009, and hence Nokia, where he currently leads one of the radio standardization teams.



He has been actively participating in 3GPP TSG RAN since 1999, covering the standardization of WCDMA, HSPA, LTE and NR, with experience extending across the whole RAN TSG domain. He was Chairman of 3GPP TSG RAN WG1 from 2009 to 2013 and Vice-Chairman from 2013 to 2017.

He is co-editor of the book “LTE – The UMTS Long-Term Evolution: From Theory to Practice” (second edition Wiley 2011).

He is a Chartered Engineer and a Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology.