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Dear Ms. Kooistra, Dear Mr. Chung,

On behalf of Nokia Networks, I am pleased to nominate Mr. Benoist Sébire as a candidate for the Chairman position of 3GPP TSG RAN WG2 (RAN2). Benoist represents Nokia Networks Japan, ARIB.

Benoist graduated in 1997 with a Master's degree in Electronics and Computer Engineering with honours from the École Nationale Supérieure des Sciences Appliquées et de Technologie, France. He joined Nokia in 1998 and is currently a Chief Architect in Technology and Innovation based in Tokyo, Japan.

Benoist has been an active delegate for the past 16 years: first in SMG2 for the standardisation of EDGE, then in TSG GERAN for EDGE evolution, and since 2004 in TSG RAN2 for HSUPA and LTE. Benoist has successfully held numerous positions in 3GPP: as vice-chairman in RAN2 and as specification and work item rapporteur, notably for the LTE Stage 2 since 2006. With his background, experience and the widely recognized quality of his work, he is a very suitable candidate for this position. Nokia Networks will offer the support and resources necessary for Benoist to pursue the RAN2 activities successfully, including the necessary training to comply with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations while acting in his capacity as WG Chairman.

A brief curriculum vitae is attached.

Sincerely yours,

<signed Ulrich Dropmann>

# Benoist Sébire

Chief Architect - LTE

MSc. Electronics and Computer Engineering

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**Profile** Over 16 years experience in mobile communications R&D and standardization with proven track records for innovation and management capabilities. Regular 3GPP delegate since January 2000 (SMG2, GERAN, RAN1 and finally RAN2 since 2004).

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**Specialities** Radio protocols, system design and architecture, project management, standardization management and leadership.

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**Experience** Nokia Networks, Japan (June 2006 - Present)  
Concepts development and standardization of all LTE releases in RAN2 since the very first workshop on UTRAN evolution. LTE Stage 2 Rapporteur since day 1 and ex 3GPP TSG RAN WG2 (RAN2) vice-chairman. Within Nokia, head of RAN2 delegation and LTE Chief Architect for Technology and Innovation.

Nokia Corporation, China (December 2003 - June 2006)  
Helped strengthening R&D capabilities in Beijing by creating trusted communication channels with other Nokia sites in Europe and boosting research quality. Also represented Nokia in 3GPP for the standardisation of High Speed Uplink Packet Access (HSUPA).

Nokia Research Center, Finland (July 1998 - December 2003)  
Worked on GSM/EDGE developments and enhancements (EDGE Compact, GSM400, Real Time EGPRS, EDGE Phase 2 and lu alignment). Represented Nokia in 3GPP for the standardisation of the GSM/EDGE Radio Access Network (GERAN). Served in 3GPP as work item and specification rapporteur.

Military Service, Gendarmerie Nationale (October 1997 - July 1998)  
Development of a radio communication software for French Polynesia.

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**Education** University of Cambridge (1999)  
Theory and Practice of Adaptive and Statistical Signal Processing.

ENSSAT (1994 - 1997)  
MSc. Electronics and Computer Engineering.

Université de Caen Basse Normandie (1992-1994)  
Degree on physics and chemistry with parallel expertise in instrumental engineering.

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**Awards & Honours** Industry Environment Excellence Award & Nokia Talent  
French National Defense Medal for outstanding achievement  
Valedictorian for 5 consecutive years in college and university

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**Language** French: native  
English: fluent  
Japanese: beginner

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**Miscellaneous** Father of two, husband, food lover and onsen addict  
Amateur photographer (Getty Images Artist) <http://blog.benoa.net>