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ATTN: Ms. Elisabetta Comin and Mr. Seonggu Shim
European Telecommunications Standards Institute
Mobile Competence Centre
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Subject: Candidacy of Mr. Sean Kelley as Chair of 3GPP TSG RAN WG3

Dear Ms. Comin and Mr. Shim,

On behalf of Nokia, I am pleased to nominate Mr. Sean Kelley for the position of Chair of 3GPP TSG RAN WG3, representing Nokia Corporation, an ETSI individual member of the Nokia Corporation group.

Sean has been an active participant in 3GPP since 2009, initially spending three years in RAN2 before transitioning to RAN3 in 2012. He has been a key contributor across various technical areas, including positioning, SON/MDT, URLLC, and the NG interface. He currently serves as rapporteur for the 5G Stage-3 specification TS 38.413, which defines the NG Interface Application Protocol (NGAP). Since 2020, Sean has also represented Nokia on RAN3 matters in TSG RAN.

If elected, Sean will strive to ensure fair, technically driven decision-making, while promoting the timely completion of high-quality specifications and building upon the good practices established by RAN3.

Sean will also undertake 3GPP-supplied antitrust and competition law training to ensure full compliance with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations while acting in his capacity as TSG WG Chair. Nokia is fully committed to provide all necessary support to enable Sean to chair 3GPP RAN WG3 according to good leadership principles for the benefit of the whole industry. The signatory below has the approval and authority to make this commitment on behalf of Nokia.

Yours sincerely,

Ulrich Dropmann
Nokia Head of Standardization & Industry Environment

Sean Kelley: Short CV

Sean has over 32 years of experience in the wireless communications industry, including 16 years as an active contributor to 3GPP.

He began his career in 1993 as a systems engineer at Motorola, supporting the rollout of cellular networks across Asia. From 1999 to 2012, he was a standards delegate in several industry forums, including 3GPP2 (1999-2004), Open Mobile Alliance (2004-2008), and 3GPP RAN2/RAN3. During this time, he held various rapporteur and leadership roles, including Chair of the OMA Presence and Availability Group.

Sean joined Nokia in 2011 through its acquisition of Motorola and has served as Head of Nokia's standards delegation in 3GPP RAN3 since 2012. He has actively contributed to RAN3 specifications and moderated technical discussions across various areas, including positioning, SON/MDT, and URLLC. Additionally, he has served as work item rapporteur and is currently the specification rapporteur for TS 38.413, which defines the NG Interface Application Protocol (NGAP). Sean also represents Nokia in TSG RAN for RAN3-related matters.

Sean holds M.Sc. and B.Sc. degrees in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University (Stanford, CA, USA) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA, USA), respectively.