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Dear Ms. Kooistra and Mr. Usai,

Candidacy of Juergen Hofmann as Chairman of 3GPP TSG RAN WG6

On behalf of Nokia, I am pleased to nominate Mr. Juergen Hofmann as a candidate for the Chairman position of 3GPP TSG RAN WG6 (RAN6) in the upcoming TSG RAN WG6 chairmanship election. Juergen represents Nokia Germany, ETSI.

Juergen has been actively participating in the standardization of GSM/EDGE in 3GPP GERAN since 2001 and has led several work and study items as rapporteur. He acted as Vice-Chair of 3GPP TSG GERAN between 2005 and 2007 and has chaired RAN6 since its inception in 2016.

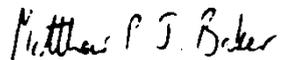
He has solid and broad technical skills, covering both GSM/EDGE and 3G, and a deep understanding of the overall systems aspects from the perspectives of both the mobile and the network sides. His consensus-building spirit is well known and has facilitated the successful conclusion of technical discussions in RAN6 to date. Through his participation in ETSI groups (i.e. MSG, RRS, RT) he is also known outside 3GPP, which is valuable in the communication to other bodies.

Nokia is committed to the 3GPP standards eco-system and will offer the support and resources necessary for Juergen to pursue the RAN6 activities successfully, including supporting him to undertake the necessary training provided by ETSI to comply with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations while acting in his capacity as WG Chairman. We believe that Juergen's experience, technical and leadership skills make him highly suitable to continue to act as TSG RAN WG6 Chairman during the coming years.

A brief curriculum vitae is attached.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew P. J. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Juergen Hofmann (brief CV)

Juergen Hofmann holds a diploma in Electrical Engineering from the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany), with focus on Communication Technology, from where he graduated in 1991. He specialised in digital signal processing and in particular investigated speech compression algorithms based on RELP (Residual Excited Linear Prediction) encoding.

He then worked at Siemens for 15 years and Nokia Siemens for 6 years before joining Nokia putting his focus to areas of 2G and 3G mobile radio as well as wireless local loop in terms of research, standardization (3GPP and ETSI) and systems / networks engineering.

He participated regularly in TSG GERAN since 2001. He was elected as Vice-Chair of TSG GERAN in April 2005 for one term, appointed as TSG RAN WG6 Convener in June 2016, and elected as TSG RAN WG6 Chairman in November 2016.

He is co-author of the publication "GSM/EDGE: Evolution and Performance" (Wiley, 2010).