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Subject: Nomination of Mr. Tomas Toftgård as candidate for 3GPP SA4 Vice Chair

Dear Elisabetta and Andrijana,

Ericsson is pleased to nominate Mr. Tomas Toftgård as a candidate for Vice Chair in the 3GPP TSG SA WG4 for the upcoming election at the SA4#134 meeting.

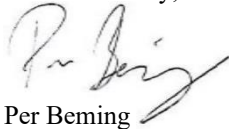
Tomas has been an active delegate in 3GPP SA4 meetings since the beginning of 2017. In the delegate role he has been actively involved in study/work items such as FS_VR, FS_CODVRA (rapporteur), VRStream, EVS_FCNBE, Alt_FX_EVS, IVAS_Codec, MeCAR, and IVAS_Codec_Ph2. He currently works as an Expert in Audio Representations and is the chair of the SA4 Audio SWG.

Tomas has almost 15 years of experience in the telecommunication industry, as a researcher, technical coordinator, and project manager at Ericsson Research. From years of experience as a leader, Tomas has gained excellent management skills, including the ability to inspire and motivate others towards achieving shared goals.

Ericsson is committed to the 3GPP standardization work and will give the full support and resources necessary for Tomas Toftgård to fulfill the duties and responsibilities required as 3GPP SA4 Vice-Chair. Tomas is informed about and aware of the antitrust/competition laws and regulations of relevant jurisdictions. He will comply with such laws while acting in his capacity as SA4 Vice-Chair.

Tomas Toftgård represents the Individual Member Ericsson LM and the Project Partner ETSI.

Yours sincerely,



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Tomas Toftgård

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Skills

- Critical thinking
- Active listening
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Acting with integrity

Education

Master of Science in
Engineering physics

Uppsala university
Uppsala, Sweden
2005-2011

Certificates

Leaders' Core Curriculum

Ericsson
Stockholm, Sweden
Oct 2019

Technical Talent program

Ericsson
Stockholm, Sweden
Oct 2018-May 2019

Band commander course

Home Guard Combat School
Swedish Armed Forces Music Corps
Oct 2016, Dec 2024

Summary

Expert at Ericsson Researcher with 15 years' experience in audio compression, immersive audio representations and rendering. Recognized skills in leadership and project management.

More than 8 years of experience as Ericsson delegate in 3GPP SA4 and since 2024 chair for SA4 Audio SWG.

Professional experience

- Technical leader with relations to leading industry partners
- Main Ericsson delegate for audio standardization in 3GPP (> 8 years)
- Project manager for Ericsson's research and standardization efforts in 3GPP, MPEG, ETSI, Bluetooth
 - 3GPP IVAS
 - MPEG-I Immersive Audio
 - Bluetooth LC3
 - ETSI LC3plus
- Technical developer for 3GPP EVS codec

2025-	Expert Audio Representations and Project manager for speech and audio coding / audio representation projects <i>Ericsson Research, Stockholm</i>
2020-2024	Master Researcher and Project manager for speech and audio coding projects <i>Ericsson Research, Stockholm</i>
2017-2019	Senior Researcher and Project manager for speech and audio coding projects <i>Ericsson Research, Stockholm</i>
2011-2017	Researcher in audio codec technologies, <i>Ericsson Research, Stockholm</i>

Appointments

- 3GPP SA4 Audio SWG chair
- Work Item rapporteur, Permanent Document and Technical Specification editor

Additional leadership experience

2023-	Commander / Chairman <i>Uppsala Band of the Swedish Home Guard</i> • Operational planning and management • Representation within the Swedish Armed Forces
2013-2022	Deputy commander / Vice chairman <i>Uppsala Band of the Swedish Home Guard</i>