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Subject: Appreciation for the completion of 3GPP Rel-13 Specifications related to the LTE for Public Safety

Dear 3GPP PCG Chair:

On behalf of the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning (MSIP), I would like to express my sincere appreciation on 3GPP's endeavors for standardization related to LTE for Public Safety.

As all you are well aware, the Korean government decided to adopt LTE for the nationwide broadband public safety network in 2014, to response to the urgent need for information sharing and communication among public safety agencies in Korea. The decision was made based on the belief that 3GPP would complete all specifications related to public safety features within the 3GPP Rel-13 timeframe.

There is no doubt that 3GPP Rel-13 was one of the most challenging releases in 3GPP history. Nonetheless, 3GPP Rel-13 was frozen at the previous March TSG meeting in Gothenburg with the most significant item "MCPTT". To achieve this, SA WGs and CT WGs assigned the highest priority to the MCPTT WI and RAN WGs committed to the functional freezing of eD2D on time.

With such efforts by all 3GPP Work Groups, it is expected that the national LTE network for public safety will be deployed as planned in Korea as well as in U.S. and UK, based on the 3GPP Rel-13 specifications completed in March 2016.

Once again, appreciating all 3GPP delegates' dedication and commitment to the standardization, I believe 3GPP's endless effort will continuously contribute to the advancement of mobile communication technology and market.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: None