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Subject	**Letter of Support for Iain Sharp as Candidate Vice-Chair TSG CN**

Dear Madam / Sir,

On behalf of Nortel Networks I am pleased to confirm our support for Mr Iain Sharp as a candidate vice-chair for 3GPP TSG CN.

Nortel Networks has been a leading contributor to 3GPP since its foundation. We are pleased to take this opportunity to offer our services to support the continued success of this organisation.

Mr Sharp has more than 10 years of experience in GSM and UMTS core network standardisation. He has also recently acted as chairman of 3GPP's ad-hoc group on Future Evolution. We believe that in the role of vice-chair Mr Sharp would provide good regional balance and a good diversity of companies in CN leadership positions.

If elected Mr Sharp will aim to support the CN chairman in ensuring efficient, fair and productive meetings.

Mr Sharp will represent the Individual Member "Nortel Networks (Europe)" and project partner "ETSI".

Regards,

Paul Simmons
Manager, GSM/UMTS Product Planning and Standards

For Information

Iain Sharp - Nortel Networks

Candidate for Vice Chair 3GPP TSG CN

Iain Sharp is currently manager of the GSM/UMTS Core Network Product Planning and Standards department at Nortel Networks. He has wide experience of 2G and 3G technology and is a respected member of the standards community.

Mr Sharp's involvement with cellular networks started during the "UK testbed" for GSM where he was involved in prototyping the GSM radio layers and speech coding. In 1990 he joined Nortel Network's technology division in the GSM planning team. He was subsequently involved in many of the key GSM subsystems including the A-Interface, voice services, MAP protocol and GPRS development. During the early development of the UMTS standard Mr Sharp represented Nortel in the SA2 Architecture group and contributed to the definition of the UMTS architecture.

Recently Mr Sharp has chaired the 3GPP Ad-Hoc group on Future Evolution.

Mr Sharp's role currently involves coordinating Nortel's GSM and UMTS standards activities over all the key fora and representing Nortel at 3GPP plenary.

Mr Sharp graduated in Electronics and Information Sciences from Cambridge University. He has spoken at several conferences including the ITU "Telecom" event and the GSM World Congress.