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The attached document is the response of ITU-R TG8/1 to the open letter from the OHG (Operators Harmonization Group) to Standard Organizations on Global 3G CDMA standard. The response from ITU-R TG 8/1 is also sent to 3GPPs (3G Partnership Projects) and SDOs (Standard Development Organizations).

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Task Group 8/1

LIAISON STATEMENT TO OHG (COPY 3GPP, 3GPP2, SDOS)

FURTHER HARMONISATION OF CDMA MODES WITHIN IMT-2000

ITU-R Task Group 8/1 greatly appreciates the constructive work of the Operator Harmonisation Group (OHG) and supports all the recommendations contained in the liaison from the OHG to the 17th meeting in Beijing. TG 8/1 strongly urges the 3GPPs and SDOs to ensure that the OHG recommendations are adopted and incorporated in their inputs to the 18th meeting of the Task Group 8/1 in Helsinki (25 October - 5 November, 1999).

Task Group 8/1 has undertaken an editorial revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.[IMT.RKEY] as proposed in the OHG input contribution Document 8-1/419.

Building on the success achieved by the OHG in making recommendations on harmonisation of the CDMA/FDD components of IMT-2000, Task Group 8/1 acknowledges the ongoing efforts undertaken by 3GPP and the TD/SCDMA proponents indicated in input contributions Documents 8-1/359 and 8-1/405 to the Beijing meeting, and would like to encourage the OHG and other organisations to continue to support these harmonisation activities. It is noted that some operators, both OHG members and others attending TG 8/1 have indicated an interest in this mode of operation as an additional part of the harmonised Global 3G (G3G) CDMA standard proposed by the OHG.

Task Group 8/1 approved a Draft New Question at its 17th meeting for submission to the ITU-R Study Group 8 meeting in early November 1999, specifying further studies required within ITU-R on the future development of IMT-2000 and also including preliminary studies of the requirements for future mobile systems beyond IMT-2000. The organisation of the future work on IMT-2000 within ITU-R Study Group 8 will be discussed and decided at the next meeting of ITU-R Study Group 8 in November, 1999.

Task Group 8/1 believes that the OHG has been a very valuable source of ongoing advice in the IMT-2000 harmonisation activities. TG 8/1 suggests that consideration now be given to how a focused operator effort on a global scale can be realised in the longer term. For example, to address issues such as the standardisation of intra-RAN and CN-RAN interfaces.

The 17th meeting made excellent progress on the development of IMT.RSPC, ie. establishing the document structure and necessary cooperative working relationships between the members of the global standards team (ITU, 3GPPs and SDOs) that is defining IMT-2000. A further liaison statement from TG 8/1 to 3GPP, 3GPP2 and SDOs addresses IMT.RSPC in greater detail and the contributions required to complete IMT RSPC.

Task Group 8/1 supports the principle mentioned in the OHG document that there should be no change in the current standardisation schedule and looks forward to timely completion of IMT.RSPC and its further enhancements to meet the needs of the global IMT-2000 operator community through continuing active cooperation.