

Nomination of Kari Järvinen (NOKIA Corporation, ETSI) as 3GPP TSG SA WG4 chairman candidate

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of Nokia, I'm pleased to inform our support for Mr. Kari Järvinen as a candidate for chairman position of 3GPP TSG SA WG4.

Mr. Järvinen received M.Sc. and (post-graduate) Licentiate of Technology degrees both from Tampere University of Technology in 1985 and 1987, respectively. From 1984 to 1990 he worked in speech processing research with the Signal Processing Laboratory of Tampere University of Technology participating already at that time into ETSI GSM voice codec work and standardization. Since 1990 Mr. Järvinen has been with Nokia Research Center, Tampere, Finland, where he currently holds the position of Distinguished Researcher. His work is focused on evolution of digital mobile communication systems, especially on end-to-end transmission quality aspects, multimedia coding and transport, and new services. Mr. Järvinen has significantly contributed e.g. to the development of voice codecs in standards including the GSM/PCS1900 EFR (Enhanced Full-Rate) codec, the TDMA EFR (TIA/EIA IS-641) codec, the 3GPP AMR (Adaptive Multi-Rate) codec and the 3GPP AMR-WB (Adaptive Multi-Rate Wideband) codec (ITU-T Recommendation G.722.2). He has authored several academic journal and conference papers and acted as Guest Editor for the IEEE Communications Magazine special issue on Wideband Speech Coding Standards and Wireless Services (May 2006).

Mr. Järvinen has participated into GSM voice codec standardization from 1988. He has held several Chairman positions of codec working groups in both ETSI and 3GPP. He was Vice-Chairman of ETSI SMG11 (GSM codec standardization working group) from April 1997 until June 1998, when he was elected as Chairman of SMG11. He acted as SMG11 Chairman until the transfer of GSM standardization work from ETSI to 3GPP in July 2000. He was also Chairman of the SMG11 ad hoc group on the AMR codec from October 1997 until finalization of the AMR codec standard early 1999. In 3GPP he acted as Convenor of TSG SA WG4 (SA4) from December 1998 until March 1999. He was Vice-Chairman of SA4 from March 1999 until June 2000. Since then he has been Chairman of SA4, holding this position over several consecutive terms.

If elected, Mr. Järvinen is committed on supporting efficient and successful standardization activities in 3GPP. As well Nokia is committed to provide all necessary support to Kari to successfully carry out his duties as TSG SA WG4 chairman.

Yours sincerely,

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