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To:
Ms Susanna Kooistra
3GPP MCC
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FRANCE

The 8th of June 2010

Dear Susanna,

Orange supports and recommends the nomination of Stéphane Ragot for a second term of Vice Chairmanship in the 3GPP TSG SA WG4 group.

Stéphane first gained experience in standardisation in ITU-T SG16 WP3 (media coding) in 2004-2008. Since January 2008, he has been actively contributing to 3GPP TSG SA WG4. He has been working in the speech and audio codec field for 12 years. After joining SA4, he has extended his technical interests to further areas (e.g. terminal acoustics, media protocols, eCall).

Recognized for its innovation in high-definition (HD) mobile voice based on 3GPP AMR-WB, Orange is deeply involved in the development of mobile services and fully committed to the success of 3GPP specifications to fulfil market needs. Among other topics, Orange is fully supporting the development of the Enhanced Voice Services (EVS) codec in 3GPP SA4; the EVS codec is expected to be the next significant step of quality improvement in future mobile multimedia services.

If elected, Orange commits to support Stéphane Ragot to undertake the position of 3GPP SA WG4 Vice Chairmanship with the required fairness and seriousness.

Philippe Lucas
Senior Vice President International Standard
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Curriculum Vitae

Stéphane Ragot was born in Le Mans, France, in 1974. He received the *Diplome d'Ingenieur* (equivalent to M.Eng.) in Telecommunication Engineering from Telecom Bretagne (formerly ENST Bretagne), France, in 1997 and M.A.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Sherbrooke, Canada, in 2000 and 2003. He was a Research Assistant and Researcher at the University of Sherbrooke from 1997 to 2003 and a Research Engineer with VoiceAge Corporation, Canada, from 2000 to 2003. In 1998-1999 he fulfilled his obligations of French national service as a *cooperant* (research scientist) at the University of Sherbrooke. He joined Orange Labs (formerly France Telecom R&D), Lannion, France in 2003, where he currently holds a position of Senior Research Engineer and Project Manager; in 2007 he was recognized Senior Expert in Speech/Audio Coding in Orange Labs.

Mr Ragot started his work on standardization with the speech and audio coding field. At VoiceAge Corp. he participated in the development of 3GPP AMR-WB+ within 3GPP SA4. After joining Orange Labs, he contributed to the development and standardization of several ITU-T standards (G.729.1, G.722 App. IV, G.711.1, G.718, G.729.1E and G.722/G.711.1-SWB). He was an ITU-T SG16 delegate for France Telecom/Orange in 2004-2008, and was moderator for several work items in Q.10/16 and Editor of G.729.1 and G.722 App. IV.

Since Jan. 2008 Mr. Ragot has been representing Orange and coordinating Orange/France Telecom delegation in 3GPP SA4. He was a co-Rapporteur for a Rel8 work item on requirements and test methods for wideband terminals. He has been Secretary of the EVS SWG since this SWG was established in 3GPP SA4. He also organized four 3GPP SA4 ad hoc meetings (three for SQ SWG and one for MBS SWG).

Mr. Ragot is an author of 33 international and national publications, including one book chapter.