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Mr. Paolo Usai   October 12th, 2015
ETSI MCC
650, route des Lucioles
Sophia-Antipolis
France

Subject: Nomination of candidate for 3GPP TSG SA WG4 Vice Chairmanship.

Dear Mr. Paolo Usai,

On behalf of ORANGE, an ETSI member, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Stéphane Ragot will stand as a candidate for the position of 3GPP TSG SA WG4 Working Group Vice Chairman in the forthcoming election.

Stéphane has been involved with Orange in 3GPP since Jan. 2008. He has been an active member and a key contributor in the SA4 working group, especially on speech/audio codec and terminal acoustic topics, with contributions to other topics (e.g. eCall, MTSI). He has already served as SA4 Vice Chairman.

If elected, Stéphane will provide full support to the WG Chairman and will strive to ensure that the development of the relevant 3GPP specifications is undertaken in a fair, accurate, and diligent manner. Furthermore, if elected, Stéphane will be trained to comply with all applicable antitrust/competition laws and regulations while acting in his capacity as WG Vice Chairman.

If elected, Mr. Stéphane Ragot will be provided all the required support from Orange to successfully accomplish his Vice Chairman commitments.

Yours sincerely,

Philippe Lucas
Vice-President, Standardisation and Eco-systems Development
ORANGE

Brief Curriculum Vitae of Stéphane Ragot

Mr. Stéphane Ragot received the *Diplôme d'Ingénieur* (M.Sc.) in Telecommunication Engineering from Telecom 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/*Coopérant* at Univ. Sherbrooke in 1997-2003 and a Research Engineer with VoiceAge Corporation in 2000-2003. He joined Orange Labs (formerly France Telecom R&D), Lannion, France in 2003, and he now holds a position of Senior Research Engineer in Signal Processing/Coding and Expert in Communication Services in Orange. Stéphane has authored about 40 scientific publications.

He has been involved in the development of 3GPP AMR-WB+ when working with VoiceAge and he then contributed to the development of several ITU-T codecs (G.729.1, G.722 App. IV, G.711.1, G.718, G.729.1E, G.722B) in Orange. He was an ITU-T SG16 delegate for France Telecom/Orange in 2004-2008.

Since Jan. 2008, Stéphane has been representing Orange in 3GPP SA4 and coordinating the Orange delegation in this working group. In 3GPP SA4 he has been (co-)Rapporteur for several work items on terminal acoustics (Rel-8, Rel-11, Rel-12, Rel-13) and he has been involved in the EVS codec standardisation since its beginning (acting as EVS SWG Secretary and EVS-3 Editor). He organized several 3GPP SA4 ad-hoc SWG meetings.